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300 missing in Gay fury: drillship sinks

AASHOUR, a referee who officiated in the match between Thailand and Saudi Arabia yesterday, was yesterday at the end of the game. The referees commented on the referee's performance and the referee's performance in the final match.

Unocal Corp. of Los Angeles said search helicopters had spotted its 361-foot (110 m) ship Seacrest capsized in the storm. Thai Navy officials said two teams of divers were being sent to the ship and would attempt to enter the hull to search for survivors.

Unocal spokesman Barry Lasee said the helicopter spotted what appeared to be survivors from the

ship clinging to a piece of wreckage, but the group turned out to be six Thai fishermen clinging to their own overturned boat.

"We still at this point have not found any survivors from the Seacrest," Lane said.

The company's search helicopter located the hull of the Seacrest and identified the ship by an opening in the hull for drilling equipment. He said none of the lifeboats from the ship had been spotted and there were no immediate signs of survivors.

A search and rescue team was dropped by helicopter atop the hull of the Seacrest, but none of the vessel's 97 crew members were found, a spokeswoman said.

Rescue workers also scoured some 600 square miles (1,500 square kilometres) of typhoon-tossed seas, but failed to find a trace of the crew.

Much of the search was called off at 6:30 pm (1130 GMT) because of darkness. But Carol Scott, spokeswoman for Unocal said that Navy divers would continue searching into the night with the assistance of lights and remotely operated underwater vehicles.

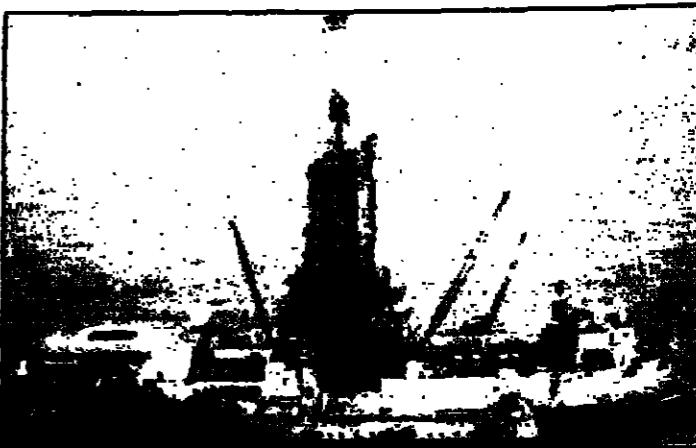
The first team to arrive at the ship "tapped on the part of the hull that is above water, listening for a signal back, but got no response," Scott said.

The hull of the ship, which overturned during a typhoon, was riding about two metres (six feet)

above the water. High waves were still reported.

Revising an earlier report, Scott said 64 of those missing from the Seacrest were Thais, seven were Americans, five Britons, four Australians, three Filipinos, three Singaporeans, two Canadians, two Danes, two Malaysians, two Indonesians, one New Zealander, one Norwegian and one West German.

Typhoon Gay hit the Gulf of Thailand late last week, and local news reports said at least a dozen fishing boats and seven cargo vessels have capsized in the violent storm. The typhoon, packing 160-kilometre-per-hour (100 miles per hour) winds, was expected to hit the southern Thailand mainland later today.



File photo of the Seacrest which has capsized. (Reuter wirephoto)



On collision course



Hindu militants shout slogans against Muslims (right) while other Hindus carry consecrated bricks (left) to a central point in New Delhi for transport to the northern town of Ayodhya, birth place of deity Ram.

where Hindus plan to build a shrine. Muslims have a mosque there and are threatening to resist the Hindu bid. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gloom at 'I' base

NEW DELHI, Nov 4. (Reuters): Gloom has settled over Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's house, nerve centre of his Congress Party campaign for India's elections this month, as he struggles to regain the initiative from a united opposition.

Rajiv has not yet released his party's manifesto, the usual first step in a campaign. Its issue has been delayed three times and is again rescheduled for Monday.

Instead the Indian leader started his campaign yesterday with a controversial direct appeal to the Hindu majority, promising to restore to India a mythical kingdom of the Hindu deity, Ram.

"There is unhappiness especially among the young in the Congress," said a Congress leader.

"There were not enough of them selected for the elections. Even the inability to release the manifesto is seen as Rajiv's weakness."

He said Rajiv's appeal to Hindus, representing 650 million of India's 800 million people, was a last ditch move to wrest the initiative back from the

opposition.

Rajiv made the appeal only a short distance from the spot in Ayodhya, in Uttar Pradesh state, where Hindus and Muslims are locked in dispute over a shrine.

Hindus claim Muslims, who number 100 million in India, have built a mosque at the spot in Ayodhya where Ram was born. They plan to lay the foundation stone of a shrine there next week.

Congress candidates complain bitterly about infighting in the party and lack of funds promised to them by their leaders.

On the other hand, the opposition, once known for quarrels among its leaders, has so far bested Rajiv on practically all fronts since his unexpected announcement of elections on Nov 22, 24 and 26.

That was five weeks ahead of schedule. Rajiv intended to catch the opposition off balance, hoping they would fail under the time pressure to join forces

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Elections sought

Million rally

WEST BERLIN, Nov 4. (Reuters): One million people staged East Germany's biggest protest march in three decades today, demanding free elections in a direct challenge to a newly-reformist but still entrenched communist leadership.

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Money-exchanger commits suicide

AN IRANIAN money-exchanger yesterday hanged himself to death at a downtown police station where he was held on charges of financial wrongdoing.

The man went to the toilet and hanged himself. When he failed to come out police personnel rushed inside to find him dangling from a rope tied to the syphon.

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Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 42 per cent.
Ahmad: 40 per cent.
Faisal: 57 per cent.



Spreading joy

While her husband Prince Charles held talks with President Suharto, Princess Diana yesterday visited a leprosy hospital in Jakarta, shaking hands and sitting with some of the patients.

The gesture from the 28-year-old princess seemed to please many Indonesian officials in her company at the hospital, which handles about 2,000 leprosy patients.

In a light blue dress, the princess smiled and waved at more than 1,000 Indonesians who crowded the hospital to see her.

Diana is seen here reacting to a winning throw during a game of bowls at the leprosy hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cong (I) faces straight fights

By Sonny Abraham
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov 4: It now appears quite certain that Congress (I) will face a one-to-one contest against the opposition in upto 400 of the 527 constituencies.

Polling has been stopped in the Shahdol constituency of Madhya Pradesh after the death of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate, Swapna Singh Porte, following a road accident.

Today was the last day of withdrawal of candidates in all except the lone seat in Sikkim, where the deadline is Monday.

The opposition parties, led by the National Front, have been able to give a concrete shape to seat adjustment among themselves to avoid the division of votes between them, especially in what is popularly called the Hindi belt of north India.

While there will be anti-cornered contests in Maharashtra and Karnataka, it will be virtually a straight fight between the Congress (I) and the Janata Dal-BJP combine in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana.

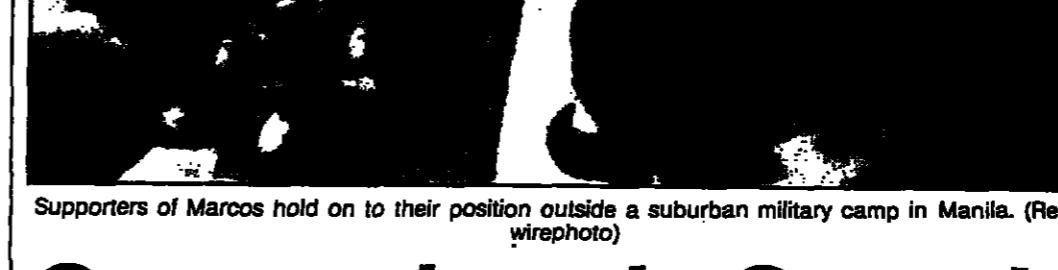
The Congress has put up candidates for 509 seats, having left the rest to its allies. On the other hand, the National Front has fielded only 316 nominees, leaving the remaining seats to the BJP, the leftist parties and others.

The front had originally planned to fight for 360 seats but scaled this down in the interest of "seat adjustment." The Janata Dal, the main partner in the front, led by V.P. Singh, will be in the fray for 240 seats.

A Congress spokesman today said the opposition's claims of one-to-one contests were meaningless. "We are not at all worried," he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi continued on his whirlwind tour of various states on the second day of his party's campaign.

Rajiv said his party was committed to give "power to the people" and also accused the opposition of fanning communalism in different parts of the country.



Supporters of Marcos hold on to their position outside a suburban military camp in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cory arrives in Canada

Show of force by Marcos loyalists

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Nov 4. (AP): President Corazon Aquino arrived to a warm welcome this afternoon and began a four-day state visit to Canada, the first ever by a Philippine head of state.

Aquino was greeted by British Columbia Lt.-Gov. David Lam and Associate Defence Minister Mary Collins as she arrived in cool, windy weather.

Also on hand were about 60 members of Vancouver's sizeable Filipino community and Philippines press corps of about 80.

A young Filipino-Canadian girl, wearing a yellow dress, han-

ded Aquino a bouquet of yellow roses. Yellow is the colour that symbolizes Aquino's people power revolution that ousted former president Ferdinand Marcos in 1986.

Aquino was scheduled to address British Columbian province business leaders and be a guest of Premier Bill Vander Zalm at a dinner tonight before flying to Toronto tomorrow.

She goes to Ottawa on Monday for meetings with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and to sign several agreements, including the first Canada-Philippines extradition treaty.

Aquino will try to persuade the

Canadian officials and business leaders that her Asian has returned to stability.

"I depart as always with confidence that the safety of the government is assured in the care of the people," Aquino said shortly before taking off at 2:46 pm local time (0646 GMT) today aboard a commercial Philippine Airlines flight to Vancouver.

Meanwhile, the military reported today that suspected Muslim separatist rebels attacked a government outpost in the southern Philippines, killing five and wounding seven militiamen.

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CIA link to Flt 103

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WASHINGTON, Nov 4. (UPI):

An Ohio congressman said yesterday he was given an investigator's report written for Pan Am's insurance underwriter, claiming Central Intelligence Agency operatives in West Germany may have known a bomb was aboard Pan Am Flight 103, but ignored the information.

Pan Am 103, heading from Frankfurt to New York with an intervening stop in London, blew up Dec 21, 1988, over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. Investigations have concluded a bomb of plastic explosives was smuggled onto the plane.

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Brazil presidential candidate's jet crashes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 4. (AP): A private plane chartered by presidential candidate Fernando Collor de Mello today nose dived into a hill and exploded in southeastern Brazil, killing all five aboard, officials said.

Collor de Mello was not aboard at the time.

The twin-engined Beech Learjet crashed shortly after midnight Friday in the remote region of Ribeirao das Neves, 269 miles (434 kms) northwest of Rio. The air force Lt. Osmar Lunes Neves said.

The air taxi was making the 40-minute flight from Rio 287 miles (464 kms) northwest to Belo

Horizonte, when it developed engine trouble. Neves said by phone from Belo Horizonte.

The pilot attempted an emergency landing but the craft flew head-on into a mountain ridge and exploded, Neves said.

The pilot, co-pilot, two Brazilian journalists and one unidentified person died instantly, he said.

Film footage on Globo TV, the nation's largest private network, showed the fuselage scattered in charred pieces on the hill. Only the tail of the craft remained intact.

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Aquino on difficult mission to Canada, US

OTTAWA, Nov 4. (AP): Corazon Aquino is the first Philippines President to visit Canada, and she hopes to persuade the country's officials and business leaders that her Asian nation has returned to stability.

It won't be easy.

Every time she leaves the Philippines she runs a risk she might not be allowed back.

The legacy of former president Ferdinand Marcos still haunts Aquino two months after he died in exile in Hawaii. His supporters in the army have staged several coup attempts since Marcos was ousted in the 1986 people power movement that swept Aquino to power.

Yesterday, an estimated 25,000 Marcos supporters protested in Manila and

denounced Mrs. Aquino for refusing to allow his body to be buried in the Philippines. But Aquino left Manila, as scheduled for Canada today.

The Canadian government is eager to help nurture Philippine democracy.

"The visit will demonstrate Canada's support for the restoration of democracy and the economic reforms that president Aquino's government is

pursuing," an external affairs department official said.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will sign seven new agreements with Mrs Aquino, four of which will increase aid to the country. The money will be in addition to the \$100-million aid package Canada provided for the Philippines after Mrs Aquino became president.

There also will be something to

please the 100,000-strong Canadian Filipino community Mrs Aquino hopes to court during her visit to Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa.

They have long called for the extradition of two men wanted for alleged crimes in the Philippines. But there has been no extradition treaty between the two countries.

Mulroney and Mrs Aquino, 56, will

sign an agreement that will allow for extradition once those accused have been given due legal process under Canada's refugee system. The agreement will be retroactive to allow the deportation of Filipinos who already have been granted refugee status.

But there are other issues that remain thorny for expatriate Filipinos and the Canadian government.

Swiss reject Imelda appeal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Nov 4. (UPI): The Swiss supreme court ordered banks Thursday to supply information to US investigators on American development funds allegedly diverted by late Philippines president Ferdinand Marcos, rejecting Imelda Marcos' plea to suspend proceedings.

The ruling was separate from other proceedings continuing before lower courts involving the Manila government's attempt to trace and have returned around \$1 to 1.5 billion in allegedly embezzled state monies.

In handing down its decision Thursday, the supreme court rejected an appeal by Marcos' widow Imelda against any lifting of Swiss banking secrecy.

Washington had asked Switzerland for legal assistance in tracing as much as \$100 million in development aid and which it says was diverted by Marcos to Swiss bank accounts in Zurich and Geneva.

The Swiss government was prepared to help but lawyers for the Marcoses appealed to the supreme court on grounds that Marcos was a head of state at the time of the alleged diversion and therefore immune from investigation.

Switzerland's federal (supreme) court, which sits in Lausanne on Lake Geneva, on June 28 postponed a decision until after its summer recess.

Ferdinand Marcos then died on Sept 28 and Imelda Marcos asked that the proceeding be suspended.

By a four-to-one decision, the court rejected that request and at the same time ordered banks to disclose any information concerning illegal transactions involving the US and by Marcos and his entourage via Switzerland.

Tamil militia fills void left by India

Bloodbath feared among rival groups

COLOMBO, Nov 4. (AP): Young Tamils dressed in camouflage uniforms and armed with new automatic rifles are moving into the security void left by departing Indian peacekeeping soldiers.

Clinging to trucks, the Tamils raced out of Batticaloa as the last 4,000 Indian troops in neighbouring Ampara district boarded ships and headed home.

The Tamils, between the ages of 16 and 30, are members of a militia organised by former rebel groups to try to maintain order in the violence-wracked area.

But many residents fear a greater bloodbath among rival Tamil

guerrilla groups waging a six-year-old war against the Sinhalese-dominated government for a separate homeland in northeastern Sri Lanka.

"The Indians came to disarm Tamil rebels and now they have armed everybody else," said the Rev. Dominic Saminathan, a Roman Catholic priest and Tamil.

The Indian soldiers started arriving in July 1987 to supervise a peace pact between the government and the Tamil guerrillas.

But their numbers quickly swelled from 2,000 to about 100,000 when

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and agree to field only one candidate in each constituency. But they did reach broad agreement to poll a close contest.

Rajiv's hopes of cashing in on a populist measure to devolve power to India's villages, where 80 per cent of the people live, were also in jeopardy.

"The measure has not been able to drive corruption from the people's minds or newspaper headlines," said Mohan Guruswamy, an aide of opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

Newspapers, even those previously backing Rajiv, have now stepped up reporting opposition charges his government took bribes to award Sweden's Bofors company a \$1.3 billion arms deal. Rising prices are also an issue along with com-

munal tensions in the north, where nearly half the seats of the 545-member lower house of Parliament are at stake.

The dissension has spilled into the cabinet.

Environment Minister Z.R. Ansari is accused of trying to rape a woman last month, while Defence Minister Krishna Chandra Pant has defied Rajiv and refused to contest the polls because he was not given the constituency of his choice.

In government, work has come to a standstill as senior bureaucrats consider the possibility of a new party in power.

"I am looking for another posting... I think the game is up," said a member of Rajiv's staff. "We expect only about 220 to 230 seats in the elections. That's just not enough."

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**Distraught woman**

A distraught woman holds a knife to her throat threatening to kill herself and a child in a hostage situation in Houston Nov 3. The woman locked herself in a car and has held the police at bay for

over seven hours. No details of the woman's problem was given by the police, who were trying to talk with the woman. (Reuter wirephoto).

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Butlers train Drawing a gun

LONDON, Nov 4, (AP): For 15 aspiring butlers, drawing a gun will be as important as drawing a bath.

The would-be servants will be taking a three-day course on handling guns so they can protect employers and their families in the United States and other overseas posts.

"Unfortunately, we're living in an area of violence, and wealthy people overseas who employ butlers want somebody who in an emergency can go to a drawer and fire a gun to protect them and their families," said Ivor Spencer, who runs the international school for butler administrators.

Spencer said he was surprised that all 15 students in the seven-week course said they wanted to learn how to handle guns and semi-automatic weapons.

"I gave them the option and thought some would be afraid of guns," he said.

The three-day course in Newport, Wales, starting Nov 9, will include training on the use of semi-automatic weapons, he said.

Spencer said he didn't expect butlers to be toting guns in Britain, which has strict gun control laws and has banned over-the-counter sales of the weapons. But he said he does expect some butlers going overseas to get licenses and use their training.

The school, which recently added karate to its curriculum, runs several courses in London, one in the United States and it is starting another in Australia.

PORDENONE, Italy: Police said they suspect members of the secretive Animal Liberation Front, which has been bombing trains,炸药, and other property, of killing Miss Davis.

More than 500 people attended the memorial service on a Warner Bros. sound stage. Miss Davis was associated with Warner Bros. for 18 years, though she often feuded with founder Jack Warner.

Miss Davis would fight for the roles she wanted in a time when actresses usually behaved — since studio chiefs considered them replaceable if they didn't, actor James Woods said.

"Bette Davis put herself on the line when she just didn't have to," in standing up for women's rights, Woods said.

Miss Davis died of cancer Oct 6 in Paris at age 81. (AP)

PARIS: Fiery Russian-born dancer Rudolf Nureyev will meet the head of the Paris Opera Ballet later this month, raising hopes that his contract dispute with the company might eventually be settled.

The 51-year-old dancer and director, who is insisting on new terms agreed to meet French opera chairman Pierre Berge at the end of November, an opera spokesman said on Thursday.

Nureyev has directed the ballet since 1983. He met Berge in Paris on Friday but an opera spokesman said there had been no progress on the dispute. (Reuter)

LONDON: Actor Sir Laurence Olivier, who died in July, left 1.3 million pounds (\$2.1 million) and a series of bequests to theatrical friends in his will published Friday.

"He left his early edition of

"Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'" to Sir John Gielgud, his longtime friend. Other personal items were left to Sir John Mills, Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Lady Redgrave (actress Rachel Kempson) and Lady Meriel Richardson, the widow of Sir Ralph Richardson.

Olivier's collection of theatrical books and memorabilia is to be given in his name to several public exhibitions and collections, and a 1,000-pound (\$1,600) donation goes to the actors' benevolent fund. (AP)

OKLAHOMA: Ten people from the United States, Argentina, Japan, Canada, Britain and South Africa, have been recognized as "outstanding young persons of the world" by the Junior Chamber International.

The winners will be honoured at the JCI 44th world congress Nov 9, in Birmingham, England.

The awards are presented each year by JCI, a 425,000-member leadership-development organization established in about 90 countries and territories. The US JCI, headquartered in Tulsa, is a member of JCI. (AP)

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Ortega speaking to a gathering of small businessmen in Managua Nov 3. (Reuter wirephoto)

Nicaraguan meeting at an impasse after refusals

Fierce fighting reported near Honduran borders

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov 4, (AP): Delays by both sides and Honduras' refusal to participate have scuttled plans for a meeting between Nicaraguan rebels and Sandinista government representatives at UN headquarters.

Meanwhile, in remote Nicaraguan mountains and jungles, Soviet-made helicopters airlifted Sandinista troops for strikes against bands of rebels, known as Contras.

Nicaraguan Defence Ministry sources reported fighting in eight provinces, most of them in the north near the Honduran border. The sources said there were about 3,000 rebels in the area.

UN officials had said yesterday that the proposed

meeting — which would be the first between the rebels and the government in more than a year — was set for Monday and Tuesday.

But the rebels responded that they could not attend, and suggested a week's postponement, until Nov 13.

President Daniel Ortega, who had proposed the meeting when he announced that he was cancelling a 19-month-old ceasefire in Nicaragua's civil war, said he wanted to delay the meeting until Thursday and Friday. He also insisted that Honduran government officials take part.

Honduras, which had declined the invitation Wednesday, again refused.

"The problem of the anti-Sandinista rebels is Nicaragua's," Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras said late yesterday. "It is a conflict among Nicaraguans, and it corresponds to the Nicaraguans to resolve it."

A rebel source in Costa Rica said hundreds of Contra guerrillas were retreating to their camps across the border in Honduras.

"Our soldiers scarcely have any ammunition and can't confront an army as powerful as the Sandinistas that is using all of its forces to annihilate us," the source said. He refused to be identified.

He said the guerrillas remaining in Nicaragua had been ordered to take cover in inaccessible places.

Nicaraguan Army Col Manuel Salvatierra, commander of troops in the northern provinces of Jinotega and Matagalpa, disputed the rebel claims, contending the Contras "have all they need to fight."

"The Contras, although they are on the wrong side, are not so stupid as to infiltrate the country without weapons and without ammunition," Salvatierra said in Matagalpa.

He contended the guerrillas had devised a weapons stockpiling system before the United States cut off lethal aid to them in February 1982. The United States is still providing the Contras with non-lethal aid, which includes boots and uniforms.

Brazilian presidential election round the corner

De Mello leading the pack in poll

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov 4, (AP): Former Gov. Fernando Collor de Mello is leading all 22 candidates in the race for the presidency two weeks before the elections, according to a public opinion poll released yesterday.

The poll by the Datafolha Institute showed Collor de Mello, who has served as governor of Alagoas state, was the choice of 21 per cent of voters questioned nation-wide.

Only four candidates are given a chance to win the Nov 15 election and the Datafolha poll gave these figures for the three others.

Millionaire businessman Silvio Santos and

Luis Inacio Lula da Silva of the Marxist-oriented Workers' Party were tied for second with 14 per cent each. Leonel Brizola of the center-left Democratic Labour Party had 13 per cent.

A nation-wide poll released Thursday by the Gallup Institute gave Santos a 29.3 per cent rating. Right-centrist Collor de Mello received 18.6 per cent, Da Silva 10.6 per cent and Brizola 9.9 per cent, according to Gallup.

Santos, a conservative, had only declared his candidacy Tuesday and the Gallup results surprised many Brazilians. Collor de Mello had held a two-to-one advantage over his

nearest opponent for the past five months.

The Datafolha poll was carried by Globo TV, Brazil's largest network. It said 5,250 people in 141 cities were questioned between Wednesday and yesterday. The network did not report the margin of error.

The Gallup poll was reported by the newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo and it said 4,722 people were interviewed between Oct 26 and Nov 1.

Globo TV said that in the Datafolha poll people were chosen at random and asked to choose from one of the 22 candidates listed on a circular disc.

Bogota bank hit by blast

BOGOTA, Nov 4, (Reuter): A small bomb damaged a bank in Bogota, police said today, while Colombian judges who say they are tired of being slaughtered by drug gangs pressed on with an indefinite strike.

The bomb containing four kg (nine pounds) of dynamite damaged walls and computers and blew in windows at the Banco Popular last night but no one was hurt. The bank is on the campus of the national university.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast but police said it formed part of a routine of almost daily bombings blamed on drug barons at war with the Colombian government.

The cocaine lords' bloody response to a police and army crackdown on the drug trade, launched in August, has been a string of nearly 200 bombings and two dozen killings, including those of two Medellin High Court magistrates.

Some 20,000 judges and judicial workers across the country stopped work yesterday to protest what they say is a government lack of protection and insensitivity to their repeated pleas.

The stoppage, which the National Judicial Association (Asenal) said was 90 per cent effective, was called after Maricela Espinoza, a magistrate assigned to drug trafficking cases in Medellin, was murdered on Wednesday.

An Asenal spokesman said the organisation was seeking an audience with President Virgilio Barco and the Medellin of the attorney-general and the Roman Catholic church.

A resignation en masse of the country's 4,000 judges was not being ruled out. No end to the strike was expected until Tuesday, Monday being a public holiday in Colombia.

Asenal wants a special security fund established, bullet-proof vests issued and armoured cars and guards assigned to protect judges. "We are tired of promises, of being slaughtered," acting secretary-general Helmut Romero said.

More than 1,000 judges handling drug cases have received death threats.

The government suggested yesterday the construction of a "bunker" for Medellin's new court building but judges rejected the idea, saying justice had to remain accessible and visible.

The killing of Espinoza was widely interpreted as a retaliation for the expedition last weekend of the reported number four man in the Medellin drug cartel, Jose Abello.

Cocaine cartels have threatened to kill 10 judges for every drug suspect extradited to the United States. Five have so far been extradited.



Show of unity

More than 50,000 people joined yesterday in an opposition-led peace march through downtown Lima, in defiance of a general strike called by Shining Path guerrillas.

In a show of unity, streams of people from opposition parties of the left and right marched from separate points to Grau Plaza in the city centre.

The government deployed thousands of soldiers and police patrols yesterday and hundreds of police lined the plaza where the demonstrators converged, chanting peace slogans and waving banners.

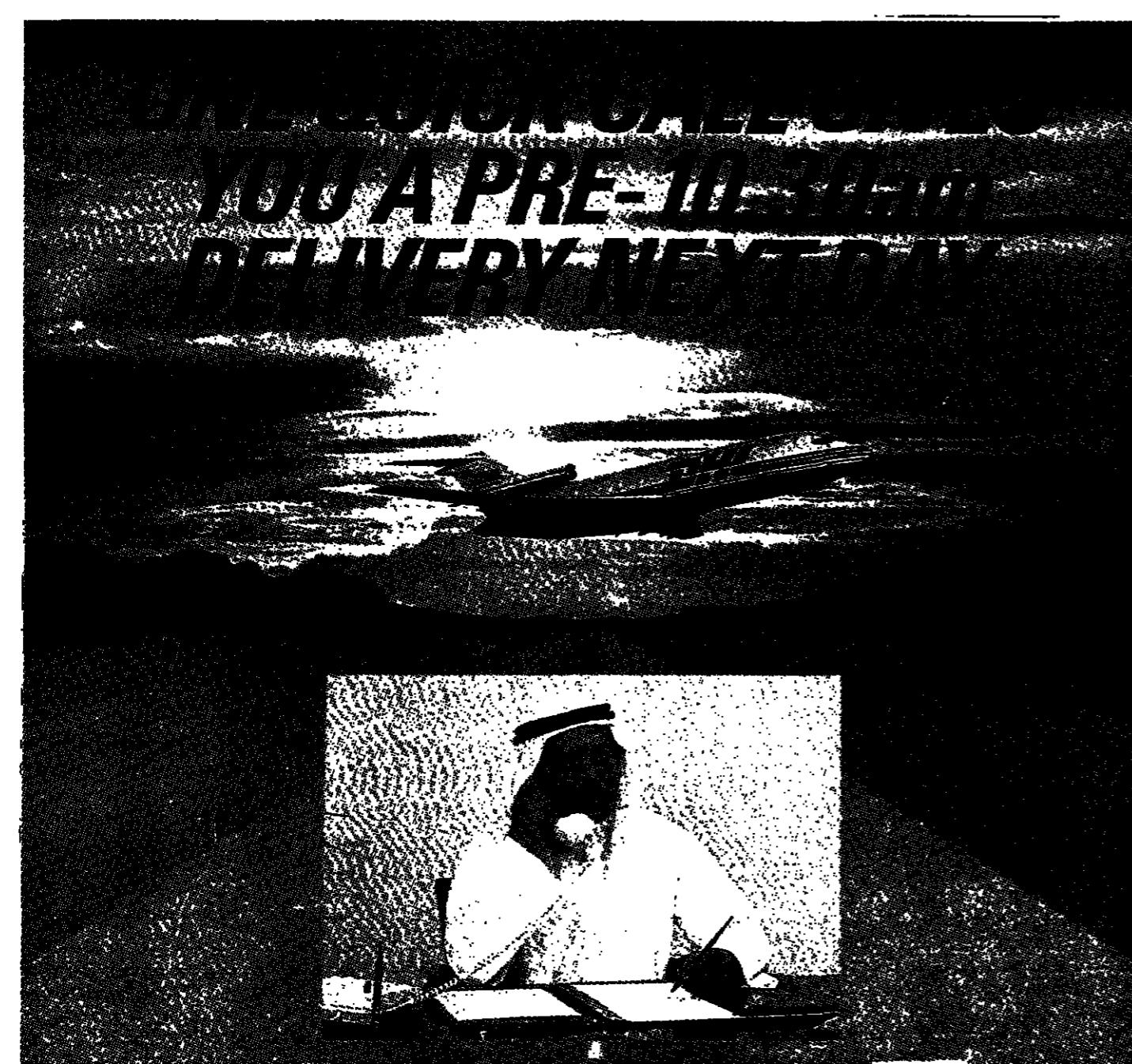
As an army helicopter patrolled overhead, the crowd observed a minute of silence for victims of terrorist violence before dispersing.

The march was organised by opposition parties fronting candidates in nationwide municipal elections on Nov 12, and next April's presidential elections. Organisers stressed the march was a peaceful civic event.

"It is very important that everyone attend the march with empty hands," presidential candidate Mario Vargas Llosa, a famed novelist, said before hand.

The march took place despite a call for an "armed strike" by Shining Path guerrillas, a term they use to threaten violence against people who don't observe the strike.

The armed strike yesterday was the third called by the rebels in Lima. The first, in October last year, was virtually ignored although another last July received some support in poorer districts of the city. (Reuter wirephoto)



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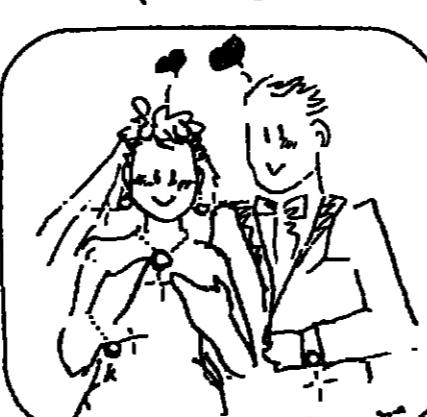
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Haitian rival leaders held: Three Haitian opposition leaders have been arrested on charges of plotting with former army officers to overthrow and assassinate Haitian President Prosper Avril, state-run television said yesterday.

A government statement read on Haitian Television said the men, all leaders of a left-wing political coalition, were taken into custody at private homes on Wednesday and that a small arsenal of weapons and dynamite had been seized.

It said the coup had been planned for Thursday but was foiled before it started when a soldier who had been tasked to place dynamite at strategic locations in the national palace reported the alleged plot to his superiors. (Reuter)

CIA back in the game of toppling governments

WASHINGTON: Nov 4, (Reuter): The director of the US Central Intelligence Agency has said a legal opinion would allow the agency to help in foreign coups as long as assassinating a political leader was not the explicit goal.

The opinion would not prohibit CIA aid to coup plotters who might accidentally kill someone, William Webster said in an interview in today's Washington Post.

He said the Justice Department provided Congress with a classified interpretation clarifying a 1976 order by the White House barring US

involvement in assassinations.

The ban on assassinations was cited by Bush administration supporters after the abortive coup last month against Panama's military leader Manuel Noriega.

Critics charged that while the White House was full of anti-Noriega rhetoric, it took little action during the coup attempt.

Webster said the coup failed because its leaders where people don't have to be hurt."

Family held in drug bust

MILLERSVILLE, Maryland, Nov 4, (AP): An air force lieutenant colonel assigned to the National Security Agency and his wife, an NSA psychologist, were arrested on drug-dealing charges when police raided their suburban Washington home.

The couple's son and daughter also were charged yesterday after police seized \$78,000 worth of illegal drugs, \$70,000 in cash, two machine-guns, an assault rifle, various shotguns, a motorcycle and a car from the Crofton home, said Joseph Bisesi, a spokesman for the Anne Arundel county police.

Russell James Hibler, 43, and Suzanne McCabe Hibler, 43, were charged with possession of the drugs with intent to distribute.

Russell Hibler, an air force lieutenant colonel, is a psychologist assigned to the National Security Agency and his wife is a civilian research psychologist with the NSA, an agency spokeswoman confirmed.

The son, James Todd Hibler, 21, was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, hashish, and marijuana and unlawful possession of automatic weapons, Bisesi said. The daughter, Jessica Lynn Hibler, 19, also was charged with possession with intent to distribute, Bisesi said.

The elder Hiblers were released on personal recognisance at a hearing before a district court commissioner in Annapolis.

Their son, who also was charged with unlawful possession of automatic weapons, was ordered held on \$600,000 bond. Their daughter's bail was set at \$155,000.

In the raid shortly after midnight, police found 7 pounds (3.1 kilograms) of cocaine, 4 1/2 pounds (2 kilograms) of hashish and between 50 and 60 pounds (22.7 kilograms) of marijuana, Bisesi said. He said agents burst in upon Jessica Hibler counting \$27,000 in cash in the basement and found as much as \$10,000 in bills stuffed in pants pockets around the house.

The raid caps a two-month investigation, Bisesi said. No undercover buys were involved in the probe, which mostly entailed surveillance of the family, he said.

Sgt. David E. Pressley, a supervisor for the county-wide narcotics section, said investigators had information on the alleged operation dating to 1987.

The son had been the target of the investigation, and detectives were surprised to find how open the drug activities were inside the home, Bisesi said.

"There is no way the parents couldn't have known what was going on," a detective said.

The highly secret NSA, the nation's largest intelligence agency, has a work force of more than 60,000 employees and a budget of over \$10 billion. It is primarily responsible for eavesdropping on communications around the world, coding US communications and trying to crack the codes of foreign governments.

Police said military authorities also entered into the investigation because of the elder Hiblers' positions with NSA. The agency spokeswoman, who would not discuss the nature of the couple's duties, said their job status was "up in the air" until more information on the drug cases was in hand.

Dumping banned

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuter): Five of the world's six nuclear submarine-armed nations agreed yesterday to a voluntary ban on dumping their worn-out vessels at sea.

But India was not party to the agreement and Britain, which was, insisted that its options were still open.

Officials of the International Maritime Organisation said 63 member countries had agreed to include nuclear-powered submarines in an existing moratorium on the dumping of low-level radioactive waste in the world's oceans.

The agreement was reached at a meeting of the London Dumping Convention (LDC), an international body which regulates the disposal of waste at sea.

Paul Beaver of Jane's Defence Weekly said six countries currently possess nuclear-powered submarines. The United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France, China and India.

CIA 'tipped' about Pan Am bomb but kept silent

Drug for hostage terrorists protected: report

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Agencies): A US Congressman said yesterday that an insurance investigator's report convinced him the CIA remained silent after it had been tipped in advance that terrorists might attempt to blow up Pan Am's flight 103.

Congressman James Traficant said the report concluded the CIA was protecting a Frankfurt-to-New York heroin smuggling operation, operated by the terrorists, in exchange for contacts that might lead to the release of US hostages.

The CIA immediately denied Traficant's charges and labelled the report as "nonsense." The Congressman said he had not checked the report with the CIA in advance of his meeting with reporters.

Traficant, a Democrat who ran a short-lived campaign for president

in 1988, read from what he said was a report prepared by an investigator hired by Pan Am's insurance underwriter. He refused to make the report available to inspection by reporters and declined to say why.

The report claims the CIA had pinpointed the location of the eight US citizens held captive in Lebanon and that several of its agents were on flight 103 along with evidence that may have survived the explosion, Traficant said.

The plane exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, last December, killing all 259 people on board and 11 others on the ground.

Pan Am is being sued for more than \$300 million in connection with the disaster. The independent newspaper in London this week quoted lawyers for families of flight 103 victims as saying Pan Am was on a



Space-bound?

The Duchess of York told Johnson Space Centre officials Friday she would like to travel in space and promptly was invited to take part in a mission by the centre's acting director.

Although NASA officials admitted the invitation was made in jest, they said they were impressed by the former Sarah Ferguson's knowledge of aviation and the depth of

her questions about the space shuttle. The duchess has a helicopter pilot's licence.

Fergie then went to JSC, where she spent about 90 minutes touring a mock-up of the space station Freedom, sitting in the pilot's seat of a shuttle trainer and touring mission control.

Meeting on global warming

Accord hits snag before start

THE HAGUE, Nov 4, (Reuter): The United States, Britain and Japan objected today to a draft accord to be put to a 60-nation conference on global warming, Dutch officials said.

They raised their objections in preliminary, lower-level talks before the ministerial conference opening on Monday, Dutch Environment Ministry spokesman Ferry Heijbroek said.

Other officials suggested the agreement would be made more vague to reach a consensus.

The Dutch, the conference hosts, are pressuring ministers to commit their countries to stabilising

greenhouse gases by the year 2000 and to seeking 20 per cent reductions by 2005.

"It is possible some countries won't sign the declaration...we hope they will still be persuaded," he told Reuters by telephone from Noordwijk, the conference venue.

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Japan insists it is already doing far more than other countries to try to cut excess carbon dioxide emissions, caused largely by burning fossil fuels.

Bombs explode near homes of proponents of Catalonian independence

BARCELONA, Spain, Nov 4, (AP): Three bombs went off today outside a private clinic and the homes of two left-wing proponents of Catalonian independence, causing damages but no injuries, a provincial spokesman said.

The spokesman of the Barcelona province civil governor's office said no group had claimed responsibility for the bombings, and it had not been determined whether the blasts were linked.

Traficant said West German agents working with the CIA had been monitoring a widespread drug-smuggling route without interfering with it.

"As they realised the extent of the operation they decided to channel the operation into less numerous areas so that they could concentrate their surveillance focus," he said. Arrests and a stepped-up police presence at the German airports moved the drug activity to Frankfurt, he said.

West German intelligence and the CIA then began videotaping baggage areas at the airport and noticed when baggage handlers

known to be working with the drug ring switched to a different type of suitcase just weeks after warnings about bombs directed at US flights.

Spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the first bombing took place just before 4 am (0300 GMT) outside an apartment building in Manresa, a town 40 kilometres (24.8 miles) north of Barcelona.

The spokesman, who was not identified under standing rules, said the blast damaged the door and hallway of an apartment building in which the radical Catalonian Nationalist Organisation Movement of the Earth (Moviment de la Terra) maintains an office.

About 20 minutes later, a bomb explosion

ripped through offices and a hallway of the private medical clinic Dexetus in Barcelona, knocking down doors and shattering at least 30 windows. Clinic personnel reported no injuries and said the clinic's health care area was not affected, the spokesman said.

At 5 am (0400 GMT), the third bomb exploded in the doorway of an apartment building in the Barcelona suburb of Sant Boi de Llobregat, 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) south of the city, the spokesman said.

Britain

says no to talks with IRA

BELFAST, Nov 4, (Reuter): Britain has ruled out talks with Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, in a bid to defuse a row over comments by Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke.

Brooke, in an interview on Friday, said Britain may never be able to inflict military defeat on the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and he raised the possibility of talks with the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, if the violence stopped.

Brooke's comments, marking his first 100 days in office, provoked howls of protest from Unionist politicians representing the province's one-million-strong Protestant majority.

Ian Paisley, Northern Ireland's fiery Protestant preacher-politician, angrily dismissed any suggestion of British talks with Sinn Fein. "It is treachery and surrender," he said.

The British government last held talks with Sinn Fein in the mid 1970s which led to a brief IRA ceasefire.

Imaginative

Asked whether he would contemplate new talks if the IRA guerrilla campaign was halted, Brooke said: "I hope that the government at that stage would be imaginative in how it responded. I hope that the British government would be sufficiently flexible."

The Northern Ireland office at Belfast's Stormont Castle quelled the row on Friday night with a long statement on British government policy on the guerrilla campaign that has killed almost 3,000 people in 20 years.

"Sinn Fein supports violence and ministers will have no dealings with it. The government maintains its determination to defeat terrorism," the statement said.

An olive branch was also extended to the Unionists, a key component in any future moves towards local power-sharing in the province now ruled directly by London.

It added: "Ministers continue to seek constructive discussions with and between political parties who reject violence. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom by the democratic choice of a majority living there."

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams welcomed "moderate tone" of Brooke's remarks but said: "We do not accept the placing of any preconditions upon talks between Sinn Fein and the British government."



Polls show no clear majority

Greek elections

ATHENS, Nov 4, (AP): The

office but failed to gain an overall

majority.

The conservative-leftist alliance succeeded in having Papandreu and five former ministers indicated by parliament in September for alleged complicity in scandals during their eight years in power.

The leftist-conservative alliance had a mandate only to investigate the allegations of scandals involving members of the former Pasok administration. The alliance handed power to a caretaker government on Oct 7, shortly after Papandreu and his ministers were indicted.

New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis expressed confidence that his party would win an outright majority in the 300-member unicameral parliament.

National elections in June also failed to produce a parliamentary majority and the country was led by an unusual conservative-leftist coalition until early October.

Panayote Dimitras, who heads the Eudromi Company that conducted the poll, said with four per cent of the undecided included, the polls showed a slight increase in support for New Democracy and Pasok from the June elections.

He estimated New Democracy would get 46 per cent of the vote tomorrow, Pasok about 40 per cent with the remainder going to the communist-led coalition of the left and progress.

The coalition gained 13 per cent in the June election and played the role of kingmaker when New Democracy, with 44.25 per cent, beat Pasok out of

13 seats.

The last and most important male stronghold in Greece is politics," said the Greek president of the International Alliance of Women, Alice Yotopoulos Marangopoulos.

Since 1953, when the first woman was elected to parliament, Greek women have fought hard to become mayors, prefects and ministers, and to raise the number of women deputies to 13.

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Europe jittery over prospect of one Germany

BONN, Nov 4. (AP): Although both superpowers profess to have no fears of a reunited Germany, Europeans on both sides of the East-West divide are growing increasingly nervous at the prospect of a German giant in their midst.

Nato and Warsaw Pact lawmakers who met here this week to discuss political changes that are altering their relations indicated that Europe may be

more comfortable with the status quo of two Germanys.

East Germany's new leader, Egon Krenz, quashed the prospect of a reunited Germany in the near future when he told reporters in Moscow that two separate German nations are "an integral part of the stability of Europe."

But West German officials and scholars say the mass demonstrations sweeping the communist state could

some day lead to the kinds of reforms that would allow the East Germans to reconsider their separate status.

French President Francois Mitterrand predicted yesterday, after his two-day visit to Bonn, that the issue of reunification "will dominate the end of the century."

The East German state under Communist Party control "has never been accepted by the people," said Burkhard

Dobrey, head of the German Policy Department of the Federal Inter-German Affairs Ministry in Bonn. "If they decided that as Germans they would like to be with us, for instance, we have to accept that. This is in our constitution."

Dobrey's comments came during a three-day discussion between lawmakers from East and West sponsored by the North Atlantic Assembly, an advisory body to Nato.

The long-dormant idea of a reunified Germany has been revitalised in recent months by the flight of tens of thousands of East Germans disillusioned with conditions in their country.

The developments in East Germany and the consequences for a reunified Germany were focal points of Mitterrand's talks with Chancellor Helmut

Kohl.

"No responsible politician in Europe can ponder the future without taking this into consideration," Mitterrand said of the reunification debate. "It is a phenomenon that will dominate the end of this century."

"It will go quickly, very quickly, but maybe not so quickly as many would like," the French President added.

Russia, US end cold war formally

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 4. (Reuter): The United States and the Soviet Union yesterday co-sponsored a resolution at the United Nations in a gesture to mark the end of cold war rhetoric waged on the floor of the world body for so many years.

The General Assembly resolution is the first joint document from the two superpowers that calls on all nations to respect human rights and abandon the use of force except in self-defence.

While diplomats expect the resolution itself to have little effect, the fact it was drawn up with great fanfare signalled a commitment to the organisation by both countries.

It also officially sanctions the end of an era of confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, which has receded in recent years, largely due to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost" or openness.

However, the first doubts were raised by the Arab League's representative at the United Nations within hours of the American-Soviet joint news conference.

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud questioned whether agreement between the superpowers would pre-empt input from Third World countries.

Noting that the United States and the Soviet Union wanted to depoliticise UN proceedings, he asked whether it was possible to condemn South Africa or Israel's actions in the occupied territories.

In a joint statement, US Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said: "Perhaps the most important thing about this resolution is not its specific language, but what it symbolises as a new beginning at the United Nations—a new spirit of constructive co-operation.

"We hope that it may offer an example to other member states that it is possible to set aside contentious polemics that have been too common in the United Nations in the past."

A million march in Berlin protest

GDR leaders asked to quit

BERLIN, Nov 4. (AP): As many as a million protesters swarmed around East Berlin's Alexanderplatz today to protest censorship and repression, a day after Community Party chief Egon Krenz promised a major leadership shakeup.

Opposition leaders were cheered and party officials booted and whistled as they addressed the huge crowd from a platform mounted on a truck.

Police and pro-democracy activists said the demonstration sprawled across the city centre and may have drawn up to 1 million people, though no precise estimate could be made.

One of the biggest cheers went up when a non-communist politician repeated his demand for the resignation of the entire East German leadership.

The call came from Manfred Gerlach, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, which has led the drive for more independence by the four small parties that were closely affiliated with the communists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Impotence cure: Nitroglycerine, a drug used to treat heart disease, may help cure sexual impotence in men, according to studies at a Canadian hospital.

Rubbed into the skin it dilates the blood vessels and improves erections, but too much can cause headaches, Dr James Owen of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario said yesterday.

The drug was tested on patients with psychological and physical impotence and the results were equally good.

But the results came from tests in the laboratory, with the help of an erotic video. "We have very little data on how this will work in the field, in a domestic situation," he said.

Murder ruled out: The mysterious death of Yu Teng-Fa, a pioneer in Taiwan's political opposition movement, was the result of an accident and not a case of murder, a government statement said today.

An autopsy report showed Yu split an old wound in the head and bled to death when he slipped and fell to the floor, according to a statement of the Kaohsiung district court, 360 kilometres (216 miles) south of Taipei. Yu was found dead Sept 13 in a house where he had been living alone. He was 86.

Police announced that he had been murdered.

Yu's relatives and members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party have suggested he was the victim of a murder plot by the ruling Nationalist Party.

The Yu family has dominated Kaohsiung politics for the past three decades. (AP)

Youths suffocated to death: Two Swiss teenagers who apparently smothered into an unused Italian train carriage to sleep were killed today when fire swept through it, police said.

The youths, named as Marco Maliki and Mikael Riesen, both 17 slipped into the carriage in a siding at Milan station to sleep for the night on their way home from a holiday in Italy.

Police said they suffocated when smoke from a fire that started accidentally further down the carriage filled their compartment. (Reuter)

US scientists share award: American scientists Dr Lance A. Liotta and Dr Issiah J. Fidler have won the 1989 Dr Josef Steiner Cancer Research Award, the Steiner Foundation announced yesterday.

They will share 400,000 Swiss francs (\$250,000) to be reinvested in cancer research of their choice. This was stipulated in the will of the founder of the award, a wealthy Swiss pharmacist who died in 1983.

Dr Liotta's group from the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland "discovered a series of five proteins and their associated genes which simulate and suppress key steps in the process by which tumour cells invade normal tissue and spread in the body," the foundation said in a statement.

Dr Fidler, from the University of Texas' Cancer Centre, was honoured for his pioneer work in metastasis research, finding that metastasis is the result of the selective outgrowth of few but specialised tumour cells, the statement said. (AP)

Maradona ties the knot

Wedding to rival those of richest

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 4. (Reuter): Diego Maradona, who rose from a slum to become one of the world's highest paid soccer players, leaves bachelorhood behind next week with a wedding to rival those of Argentina's richest scions.

Some 1,200 guests will gather on Tuesday at the city's largest boxing stadium for the feast marking the formalisation of the 29-year-old star's relationship with his common-law wife, Claudia Villafane, by whom he has two daughters.

Recent wedding parties for heirs of cement and farming fortunes, held in more lavish surroundings than the cavernous Luna Park stadium, also included President Carlos Menem on their guest list. But certainly none of those grooms had ever played soccer with Menem, as Maradona has.

Over the past week the Argentine media has gushed details of the wedding, billing it, "the marriage of the century."

Maradona, who led Argentina to victory in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, is going all out for his marriage, after five years of happy cohabitation with Villafane, who is 28.

Asked earlier this year why he was marrying Villafane after so many years of living out of wedlock, Maradona snapped: "It's to shut the mouths of those who speak behind Claudia's back, because she supposedly lives in sin with me."

He is expected to arrive from Italy a day before the wedding on a chartered jet with 250 guests, including players from his Italian club Napoli and friends from Spain. Another chartered jet will

fly in friends and family from his parents' native province of Corrientes.

Out-of-town guests will stay in suites and at two luxury hotels of the Argentine capital.

His first choice was to be wedded in Buenos Aires' cathedral, but when it proved too complicated he settled for a posh Roman Catholic church in the city centre.

The huge boxing stadium, offered to him by the owner as a wedding gift, will be draped with 15,000 metres of grey, black and white cloth and decorated with 4,000 plants.

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Heroic uprising: the longest war against enemy

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): The heroic uprising of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied lands against the racist Zionist entity is on the verge of celebrating its third anniversary after it has proved to the world that it's a real continuous war waged by the Palestinian people in preservation of their national identity and the Arab dignity.

The people of Palestine, on this occasion, are no more in need of historical commendation from the Arabs, what they actually need is an end to this Arab apathy towards the Zionist elimination war against the

The Palestinians, however, emerged

victorious in that war, exactly as Iraq was able to achieve victory in the Gulf war.

Not only do the Palestinian people fight for their national rights, but also struggle for obstructing the Zionist cancerous occupation from expanding into the Arab homeland.

Since the outbreak of the intifada the Arab people of Palestine have sacrificed about 1000 martyrs, 46,000 wounded, 6000 handicapped, 56,000 prisoners and more than 300 houses blown up and demolished under the Israeli collective punishment policy.

All indicators materialise an unequivocal evidence that the uprising will not come to an end while much ado is raised outside the occupied land about futile initiatives and infertile dialogues.

Simultaneously, the course of the uprising demonstrates that the Palestinian people in the occupied land seem to have nothing to do with such moves because they have been aware that power-void initiatives are incapable of restoring land from a Zionist, expansionist enemy.

Figures show that the Zionist enemy

gained approximately \$37 billion from its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza for 22 years, but in the two years of the Palestinian uprising Israeli losses exceeded \$22 billion, in addition to \$300,000 as daily payments in return for keeping the occupation troops on full and permanent alert.

The question which now imposes itself strongly is that if the Palestinians have offered such great sacrifices in their struggle against the Zionist occupation, what have the Arabs done in support of the ongoing uprising and in assisting the Palestinians to achieve freedom and independence.

A bird's eye view of the volume of Arab assistance shows how far the outcome is disappointing.

The PLO has declared time and again that the majority of Arab countries who endorsed the resolutions of the last two Arab extraordinary summits in Algeria and Casablanca have not paid their financial quotas determined by the summits, while the PLO extended one million dollars per day to make up for the losses sustained by the Palestinians in the occupied land.

The PLO said in this respect that it has been suffering from a \$13-million deficit per month as the Israeli entity has been receiving billions of dollars from the US, Western countries and Zionist organisations.

Observers can easily conclude that a few of the Arab countries abide by their pan-Arab obligations towards the uprising, while the increasing Zionist repression and economic siege should urge all the Arab countries to live up to their responsibilities in backing the intifada.



PLO leader Yasser Arafat (centre) discusses with Jawid Al Ghossein, a member of Executive Committee during their meeting in Cairo. On left is Sheikh Abd al-Hamid Al Sayeh, head of the PNC. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lawmakers defy house dissolution

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ment. So any decree he issues is illegitimate. He will not be able to prevent us from electing a president."

Husseini flew to Paris to bring back 28 lawmakers, most of them Christians, to attend the session.

They went there from Saudi Arabia after Aoun branded them traitors and referred to "punks" that So did Iranian-backed Shiite extremists.

The security situation deteriorated at the finalizing the two sections of the Lebanon's capital this afternoon.

Security sources received several calls by heavy machine-guns on the "Bint Jbeil-Ras Lîne" line and several missiles exchanged from point to point.

The sources could not detail the casualties, saying the fighting and shelling were unceas-

Aoun's supporters today called a general strike that paralyzed the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

Syria today renewed its call for the removal of Aoun after he tried to block the election of a new president.

The US government reacted swiftly and strongly and lashed out at Aoun, deplored his latest actions, and accused him of seeking to prevent the implementation of the Taif accord and urged the Lebanese Parliament to meet and elect a new president.

Aoun said today he alone had the support of the Lebanese people and any president elected by Parliament would be Syria's puppet.

Aoun also vowed to continue his "liberation" campaign and change the way the world views his country's crisis.

US faults Syria for inaction

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Reuters): The United States yesterday criticised Syria for failing to take action against terrorists in its country, including a radical Palestinian group believed responsible for the bombing of a Pan Am flight over Scotland.

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said US officials had discussed last December's bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 with Syria in recent weeks, as they had with other countries with knowledge about terrorist groups.

"The United States has repeatedly expressed concern, both publicly and privately, about terrorist groups supported by Syria, including the PFLP General Command," he said.

According to published reports, US officials believe that the PFLP-GC, which is based in Damascus and headed by Ahmed Jibril, was behind the bomb that brought the plane down over Lockerbie, Scotland, with the loss of 270 lives. No charges have been filed.

Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood flexes muscles in poll run-up

AMMAN, Nov 4, (Reuters): Jordan's conservative Muslim Brotherhood, tolerated by the authorities for years as a counterweight to leftists, is flexing its muscles ahead of the first general elections for 22 years.

The poll on Wednesday will test the appeal of the Brotherhood's simple slogan, "Islam is the solution," after years of tight government control of political activity.

In the biggest rally of the campaign so far, six Brotherhood candidates drew a crowd of 7,000 on a football pitch in a poor district of Amman yesterday.

Children wearing paper crowns inscribed with Islamic slogans and youths waving banners and the light-green flags of the Brotherhood listened eagerly to candidates' speeches.

"God is our aim, the Prophet (Mohammed PBUH) is our leader, the Holy Quran is our constitution and Jihad (holy war) is our path," the audience shouted back to young cheerleader.

"Khaibar, Khaibar, O Jews, the army of Mohammed PBUH will return," they cried, referring to a Muslim victory over a Jewish town in Arabia in the early days of Islam.

Women wearing headscarves and plain, shapeless clothes sat apart from the men. Young ushers organised the crowd.

The Brotherhood is fielding 26 candidates and backing at least 15 others, while their communist and other leftist rivals are mostly running as individuals.

King Hussein banned all political parties in 1957 after pan-Arabist radicals tried to topple his government.

The Brotherhood, seen as an ally to the state, was left to operate quietly as a charity. But the state controlled appointments of mosque preachers and monitored their sermons.

"The picture has changed since the 1950s," a former interior minister told Reuters: "Radical parties have declined."

"Their slogans are outdated and their political experiments have failed," he said. In contrast, the Brotherhood and other Islamic movements can move the masses. They are present everywhere."

The ex-minister, who asked not to be named, said fundamentalists had reached senior positions in the army and police and some key ministries such as education.

King Hussein's descent from the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) has in the past helped blunt Islamic dissent in Jordan. The

made, Egypt will consult with the PLO on a reply to be convened to the United States, adding that Cairo adopts whatever position the organisation takes.

Egypt's leading newspaper Al Ahram said today the Executive Committee's preliminary meeting discussed the Baker plan "in light of the classifications requested by the Palestinian and Israeli sides."

The government-influenced media launched harsh attacks on the Islamic movement in the past week over the issue of Toujan Al Faisal, a woman candidate campaigning for women's rights who was charged with apostasy from Islam in a Muslim sharia court.

The case, unprecedented in Jordan, has been dropped.

Islamic candidates, who won four out of eight seats in 1984 parliamentary elections, want Jordan to adopt sharia law and Islamise its education system.

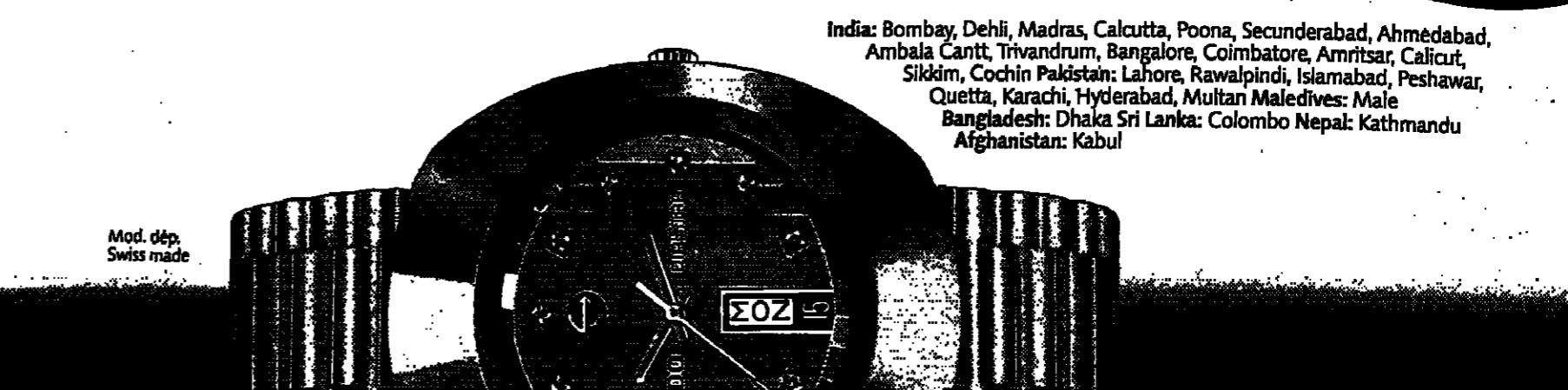
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KU cafeteria provides 20,000 meals daily

Mufrij denies food poisoning rumour

THE director of the Catering Department at Kuwait University Abdullah Al Mufrij has denied rumours that a girl student suffered food poisoning because of a meal she ate at the Faculty of Arts cafeteria. He stressed that the department paid great attention to the hygiene of served food.

He told a local daily that the department has always ensured quality service for

students and that decisions were always taken in favour of the tender offering the best type of food based on quality and hygiene, regardless of cost.

Mufrij added that the meals offered by the cafeteria were 70 per cent subsidised and that the department employed cooks of the best calibre who are usually well-versed with decent past experience from

grand hotels.

He also said that menu offered by the cafeteria changed bimonthly and contained at least eight to ten different dishes.

The total number of meals offered to students at the university on a daily basis is

20,000, and this meets with the satisfaction of 90 per cent students. Only 10 per

cent complained.

Mufrij added that the department cooperated with the School Health Department and that routine checks of hygiene conditions of the department's staff was carried out by health inspectors every six months.

He invited students recommendations and comments on the meals offered by the cafeteria.

Maintain boilers properly: official

THE public has been called upon to check and maintain water boilers in their homes to prevent fatal explosions. The public relations director at the General Fire Administration, Captain Ismael Hassan Mohammed has appealed to the public to buy only good quality water boilers and to get them fixed in their homes by specialised workers who can make sure it is fixed in the right place and that the ventilation pipe is left open.

Mohammed said that the public should make sure that the ventilators were working properly and to ensure that the boiler has an in-built thermostat which switches power off automatically once the water in the boiler has reached the required temperature.

When people want to fix a water pump to the already existing water network, they should abide by the instructions of the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Mohammed said.

He further added that the public should not make any change in the water pipelines inside their homes without prior approval from relevant authorities.

He warned that people should make sure that the water to the heater should be from the main water tank.

A ROBOT that can move in all directions, has two arms that can hold anything and is fitted with a video camera to record what it is carrying has been invented by a Kuwaiti, Ahmad Talab Al Anzi.

He said he got the idea of constructing the robot after watching a bottling machine in a factory.

Anzi who owns cars repair garage told a local daily that it is unfortunate that Kuwaitis are not encouraged by the government to build or invent things.

He quered as to why there were no places where they could work freely, adding that he was now thinking of building an airplane, but needed a large area for such a project.

He said, youth in foreign countries were constantly encouraged and urged to enter the industrial field because, in the end they

would benefit their countries. Unfortunately he could not find any Arab state trying to encourage or set aside areas for ambitious and talented youth, particularly youth with bright new ideas.

Idea

Anzi said that he kept all spare parts that customers leave behind just in case someone came along to replace a bad part. He said that he never threw away any of these old parts. Once he noticed a bottling machine moving on its own, and then got the idea of building a robot.

He started work and made some accurate measurements and built two mechanical hands. He felt that he could have built two feet as well but due to the immense weight of the machine he decided to mount it on wheels instead.

On the robot, Anzi added other things such as a steering wheel, a dynamo and a video camera to record every move the robot made. The robot can also be manually operated.

Hard work

Anzi said that it took him just three months to build the robot because of persistence and hard work.

He said that sometimes he stayed up all night when his family was off on summer vacations. He added that he did not like to be disturbed by his children when he worked.

He said repairing machines and inventing new things is a hobby which started when he was young. He received a lot of encouragement from his family members from early childhood and that he was trying to do the same thing with his young son.

Kuwaiti builds a robot

Fashioned after bottling machine



Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89 contestants pose for a group photograph.

Philippine Community Day, Nov 24

Nostalgia Filipina

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will celebrate Philippine Community Day on Nov 24 with the selection of *Hiyas ng Pilipinas* — Kuwait '89 (personality and talent contest) in collaboration with the Philippine embassy. The theme of this celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

The preparation of the Philippine Community Day in underway and all Filipinos in Kuwait are welcome to join the celebration the primary objective of which is to ease the loneliness and homesickness of 40,000 Filipinos in Kuwait.

The most awaited event by all Filipinos in Kuwait is the selection of this year *Hiyas ng Pilipinas* — Kuwait, a personality and talent contest which coincides with the celebration of the Community Day. The best Filipino singers in town will

entertain guests during the celebration.

There are four major prizes to be given to *Hiyas*, namely, *Hiyas ng Pilipinas* — Kuwait, *Hiyas ng Luzon*, *Hiyas ng Visayas*, *Hiyas ng Mindanao* and *Hiyas ng Metro Manila*.

Prizes

The *Hiyas ng Pilipinas* — Kuwait will receive a first class return ticket to Manila courtesy Philippine Airlines plus the traditional trophy. Runners-up will also receive valuable prizes from the sponsors.

For more details, please contact Ms. Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social and cultural affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone number 4843447 or Jun Mercado, vice-chairman on telephone 4899418.



Kapilku and Hiyas ng Pilipinas officials: (L-R) sitting, Sarah Macarimbang, vice-President for social & cultural affairs and chairperson and Kapilku President Manny Inserto. (standing) Manny Tupas, musical director, Thelma A. Sanjel, finance attache and production consultant Jun Mercado, vice-chairman, Florence Cagaid, Evelyn San Ramon, co-ordinator and atty. Loy Cortel, legal attache and chairman of screening committee.

Second Gulf Food Exhibition opens in Dubai

Re-export to Iraq and Iran anticipated

SEVENTY eight exhibitors from eighteen countries are participating in the Gulf Food Exhibition which opens tomorrow in Hall 3, at the Dubai World Trade Centre and runs from November 5-8, 1989, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Minister of Finance and Industry.

According to the organisers Trade Centre Management Company, the second event is bigger in terms of size and many more trade visitors are expected at the exhibition this year.

"Local and international interest in the fair, seems to have been influenced by the anticipated opening up of the re-export market to Iran and Iraq, and a buoyant market situation this year," says Sandra Royan, Manager, Exhibitions.

Featured at the show, will be national organisations of Australia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Hungary and UK, and seventy eight firms from eighteen countries including Bel-

gium, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, UAE, USA and West Germany.

Thirty eight new firms will be at the exhibition including Borden Food, S V Indika, Al Nasr Co. for Preserved Food, Monimex, P T Nusa Adisa, Asian Trading Company International, Kuwait Packing Material Manufacturing Co., Palm Oil Research Inst. of Malaysia, Al Gassim Dates Factory, National Biscuits & Confectionery Co. Ltd, Savoia Saudi Veg Oil & Ghee Co., Manantial de Fuencaliente, The Public Authority for Marketing Agricultural Produce, National Biscuits Industries Ltd, P T Sari Indofood Corp, Gold Prize (Thail) Co. Ltd, Thai World Import & Export Co. Ltd, Unicord Co. Ltd, M/s Abdulla Al Hamadi, A F M General Trading, Akkawi M E Trading Co. and Speir, Al Badee General Trading Establishment, All That's Fresh Group, Americana Distribution Company, Best Foods/Gulf International, Elcomco Establishment/Meet Trading, Gulf Packaging Indus-

try, Habara Foodstuffs Co., Masira International Company, Middle East Packaging Ltd, Orient Food Factory, Rio Cafe de Brasil, S & P Coconut Industries, Tomacco Agencies, United Group International, Wentworth/MBD Trading Co. and Khalifa Al Gosaibi Cold Stores.

Sixty five exhibitors from seventeen countries participated in 1987 at the first Gulf Food Exhibition which attracted over 4000 visitors of which 1600 were registered trade visitors with purchasing influence.

The scope of the 1989 Gulf Food Exhibition covers food and beverage products, food technology and processing, catering services and catering equipment.

The exhibition is primarily a trade show for the first three days from Sunday 5 to Tuesday 8 November and open to the public only on the last day (Wednesday 8 November).

Admission to the exhibition on the first three days, will be by invitation or on presentation of a business card.

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Satellite services used in navigation

KUWAIT has begun using satellite services for marine navigation at its ports, the Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi said.

He added that these services were provided for small ships as well as large vessels.

Mazidi said that Kuwait tries to use everything new in the shipping and navigation world.

He also said that the Port Public Authority has developed its computer centre and has begun using its services for marine transport activities.

Port employees are given good opportunities to participate in training courses held outside Kuwait to enable them to gain experience and know the latest developments in port administration and navigation.

The director-general of the Port Public Authority, Dr Ibrahim Makkhi, said that the authority was obliged to develop the local shipping industry and shipping companies.

He added that Kuwait has a small company for building ships and a dock for repairing ships of less than 35,000 tons.

He pointed out that Kuwait is one of the six Gulf states that own the United Arab Shipping Co.

Momen slams doctors who smoke on duty

Teachers criticised too

THE secretary of the Kuwait Medical Society for Smoking and Cancer Control Dr Hussein Al Momen has corroborated an article published by a local daily last Wednesday, which said that 80 per cent of ministry doctors smoked on duty, by stating that the percentage could very well be higher than that.

He attributed the reason for this high percentage of smokers among doctors on duty to slack application of its Act of 1983 which banned doctors from smoking at hospitals and health centres, adding that overlooking such a violation resulted in so many patients following their example.

Momen warned doctors against setting a bad example to their patients, and called for professional suspension of doctors failing to abstain from smoking. He also urged the Kuwait Medical Society to act positively to curtail this bad phenomenon which is a disgrace to the medical profession.

He pointed out that there was a similar problem with no less gravity, and that was teachers and principals smoking in front of students in violation of ministerial decision banning smoking in schools issued in 1983.

Momen said that the society was conducting a study on smoking in schools on the occasion of the Gulf Day for Abstaining from Smoking, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, in which anti-smoking programmes would be evaluated for effectiveness and the evil effects of the power of advertising on young people.

He said that smoking was the starting point for addiction to drugs among school students, pointing out that smokers had little concern for their health and that they had psychological preparedness to stoop slowly to using psychoactive drugs to enhance the scope of their smoking pleasure.

Momen cited the cabinet decision of March 16, 1980 approving the recommendations adopted by the fifth session of the Arab Gulf ministers of health council on public health, including those on smoking which he said included that no signs or posters advertising tobacco should be allowed to appear in public places, streets, buildings, and that a special committee from the Ministry of Information would meet with newspapers editors-in-chief in a bid to consider banning the publication of advertisements on tobacco.

He added that other recommendations called for the establishment of a private society to combat smoking in compliance with the regulations in force at clubs and public welfare societies, ban all tobacco producing or distributing agencies from undertaking public activities, such as competitions and sports contests, which could have a pernicious effect on youngsters who would be encouraged to smoke.

Indian ships to arrive

A PRESS release by the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that two Indian naval ships — INS Grandi, a frigate and the INS Shakti — a tanker are scheduled to pay a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait from November 9-13.

The ships will be berthed at the Shuaiba port and will be open for visits by the public on Thursday, Nov 9 from 2 pm to 5 pm and on Friday Nov 10 from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry passes may be collected from the Embassy of India, 34 Shara Istiqlal, Bousher Building, P.O. Box 1430 Safat, 13015 Safat, Kuwait by those desiring to visit the ships during the following hours: Sunday, Nov 5, 2 pm to 7 pm. Monday, Nov 6, 9 am to 5 pm.

Planning meet

KUWAIT, Nov 4. (Kuwait): A programme on planning and development of manpower was opened here today at the Arab Planning Institute with the participation of 27 trainees from different Arab countries.

A statement issued by the institute said the programme sponsored by the institute in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation will include lectures on concepts and definitions of population and manpower, and an analysis for population and manpower structures and demographic changes.



Anzi with his robot.

Desperate Thai worker commits suicide

Non-payment of wages never-ending nightmare

A THAI worker in Kuwait committed suicide a few days ago because he had not been paid for six months by the construction company that employed him. His fellow workers have also not received their wages for this long period.

The tragedy made a local daily interview a number of workers to leave about their cases and wages in the hope that officials would look into the problems and anomalies faced by poor workers.

He said there was nothing the employees could do but wait, although they suffered greatly during this time due to the high cost of living and having to meet the never-ending needs of home and children.

An electrician with a construction company, Masoud Mustafa, said his job required him to shuttle from one site to another and though the work was highly demanding, he was paid only KD 100 monthly. Even this was not paid regularly, and sometimes nine months passed before he was paid. This made his

problems escalate, and his debts grow bigger.

Saeed Salch said he had already worked for four months with a construction company and had not received even a month's pay. He was always told that the company's budget was tight and the workers had to wait.

Mahmoud Al Hussein said his debts were accumulating because he did not receive his pay packet. He and his fellow workers could only wait for an end to their dilemma when pay day

came round.

A painter with a local company, Tahseen Awadi, said his salary was KD60, but he had not been paid for six months and there was absolutely nothing he could do about this situation.

He claimed that some employers would force workers to put their finger prints on salary receipts.

Abdul Rahman Al Faris said the problem of delayed payment of wages was a nightmare facing many workers.

Third World debt

Kuwait outlines humane approach

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Kuna): Kuwait has outlined its proposal for a humanitarian approach to the external debt problem, stressing that Kuwaiti financial institutions are making intense efforts to follow that approach.

Addressing the General Assembly's second committee, which deals with economic and financial matters, Kuwaiti representative Mohammad Saad Al Salal Friday night welcomed the increasing understanding of the problem of indebtedness by the international community and the measures taken with a view of solving the crisis.

"Kuwait is in the forefront of creditor countries which has for a long time called the attention of the international community to the gravity of the debt crisis," Salal said.

Salal stressed that in implementing those measures it is important to take into account all indebted countries, without differentiating, in order

to enable all countries to share in economic and technical development.

The Kuwaiti representative, who is the second-ranking diplomat in Kuwait's permanent mission to the United Nations, commended the comprehensive report of the secretary-general before the committee on the debt crisis and development.

That crisis, he said, is not limited anymore to just a group of countries, but affects all countries of the world and requires a solution without delay.

The international community's agreement on the need for sharing responsibility among all parties concerned is a positive factor, he said.

The committee also recommended to the general assembly that it call upon all states to implement fully the charter of economic rights and duties of states.

It took this action by a vote of 123 in favour to none against, with 23 abstentions.



Kuwait-Austria talks

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday conferred with his Austrian counterpart Robert Lichal on bilateral relations and means of upgrading them in military fields.

The exchanges were attended by Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Mizayed Abdul Rahman Al Sane, Defence Undersecretary Faisal Ali Al Daoud, assistant Chief of Staff for Supplies Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Al Sayegh, the delegation accompanying the Austrian minister of his visit to Kuwait and the Austrian ambassador to the country.

Sheikh Nawaf later hosted a lunch in honour of the guest and the accompanying delegation.

Kuwait, Pakistan talks on oil held

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Oil Minister and Acting Finance Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi today met with visiting Pakistani Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources.

The meeting, attended by Assistant Director-General of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Abdul Razzak Mulla Hussein, Board Chairman and Managing Director of Kuwait Oil Tankers Company (KOTC) Abdul Fattah Al Badar, KPC's Managing-Director for Marketing Sheikh Al Jaber Al Ali, a number of KPC senior officials and Charge d'Affaires at Pakistan Embassy here Akbar Afifi, focused on bilateral relations in the oil field and ways to promote and develop them.

Following the meeting, Sheikh Al Jaber Al Ali, in a statement to Kuna, hoped that such visits between the 2 countries would continue adding that the visit fell in line with the strong Kuwaiti-Pakistani relations in different aspects.

He noted that Pakistan has been purchasing Kuwaiti petroleum by-products for the past 20 years, adding that the Pakistani minister has invited Sheikh Ali to visit Pakistan.

Upon his arrival the Pakistani

190 subscribers bemoan overcharging by MOC

DURING September 221 complaints were received by the Citizens Office at the Ministry of Communications.

The director of the office, Saleh Al Naeesh, added that all the complaints were referred to the relevant departments for consideration and action.

He also said that 190 of these complaints had been passed to the committee entrusted with considering telephone subscribers objections to their bills.

He said that the committee cancelled 1,257 minutes mistakenly charged to five subscribers and charges for a number of overseas calls were withdrawn.

One subscriber objected to being charged for 308 minutes on a call to Egypt, and the committee reduced the time to three minutes.

Another subscriber had been asked to pay the rental for the period from 1986 to 1989, although his line had been disconnected.

Naeesh said that the ministry received 273 complaints in January. Of these 99 were from the Citizens Office and 174 from communication centres.

During February 145 complaints were filed, of which 78 were from the Citizens Office and 67 from the central.

He stressed the active role played by the Office in sorting out complaints received from subscribers and pointed out that all concerned ministry staff were involved in finding appropriate solutions.

He said the ministry offered services to the vast majority of people living in Kuwait and it was only natural that a few slip-ups would occur.

AI Hassan honoured

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Kuna): The International Diplomatic Bulletin granted Kuwait's permanent representative to the United Nations in New York Ambassador Mohammed Abu Al Hassan a certificate of honour.

Abu Hassan was one out of five permanent representatives that were selected in the UN, that groups 195 countries, for this cer-

tificate.

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580 delegates at desalination meet

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Electricity and Water, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science and Kuwait University.

Example

President of the International Desalination Association Dr Adil Ahmad Bushnak said the choice of Kuwait for this world congress reflects its leading role and scientific contributions to the development of desalination technology.

He said Kuwait is also a good

example for other countries on how to manage their water resources and secure its supply under all conditions.

Kuwait is in the heart of a region which will continue to be the largest market for desalination products and services. The Gulf region is going through many changes probably faster than other parts of the world. The desalination industry needs to adapt to the emerging needs of the world it is serving. Bushnak

said the convening of the congress in Kuwait avails the opportunity for a large number of experts and specialists to exchange views and experience on water desalination.

She said the number of participants exceeded all expectations with the presence of 580 of them representing 40 countries.

The five-day congress is organised by the International Desalination Association in co-operation with the Ministry of

Water.

Explained that the major challenge of the next decade is desalination was probably non-technical but financial and economic, saying innovative funding and finance alternatives must be developed.

Bushnak said more regional co-operative efforts are needed to establish long term research programmes in desalination.

THE secret of being a bore is to tell everything — Voltaire, French author (1694-1778).

Detente wreaks havoc with Nato

THE swirl of political change in Eastern Europe and East-West moves to cut the numbers of tanks and other battlefield armour in Europe are playing havoc with Nato's efforts to maintain a credible nuclear deterrent.

The planners have returned to the drawing board to redraft Western Europe's nuclear defences to take account of East-West arms control negotiations.

Meanwhile, the United States is developing a new weapon of longer range to replace the ageing Lance missile — acutely aware that West Germany, the key deployment country, may finally refuse to take it.

As the generals plead for replacement of Nato's 88 Lance launchers with the new weapon, their political masters face an uncomfortable question.

Is this a good time to be developing a weapon that is unable to reach the Soviet Union and can only hit parts of Eastern Europe such as Poland and Hungary which are now slipping from Moscow's grasp?

Rapprochement

"As political rapprochement takes place with Eastern Europe ... the use of nuclear weapons which will fall on their heads (the East Europeans) and not on the heads of the Russians becomes less palatable," Dutch Defence Minister Frits Bolkestein said at a Nato nuclear planning meeting in Portugal last month.

No one in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has yet suggested abandoning the nuclear weapon — seen as the backbone of allied defences and the only valid deterrent.

As prospects of a conventional forces in Europe (CFE) accord in Vienna have increased, Nato is emphasising more and more that nuclear weapons are here to stay no matter how much conventional military hardware is reduced.

But how many weapons does the alliance need? And which particular weapons?

With the security picture changing daily, some experts say Nato must act swiftly to draw up a plan of "minimum nuclear deterrence" with fewer warheads to ensure it retains public support in a new East-West climate after a CFE agreement.

Intercontinental and long-range sea-launched missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union are largely incidental to the current debate.

Under scrutiny are the nuclear defences in Western Europe, particularly smaller weapons lower down the nuclear ladder such as the Lance and nuclear artillery.

For the military authorities, retention of short-range weapons are vital for Nato's strategy of "flexible response." This requires military commanders to have a wide variety of nuclear weapons at their disposal.

Outnumbered

Nato says its 88 Lance launchers are hopelessly outnumbered by the Soviet Union's 1,400 or so short-range Scud, Frog and SS-21 launchers.

But West Germans have always been unhappy about the Lance whose short range means it would fall on their East German brethren. That sentiment of kinship has increased with the influx of East German refugees.

The Bonn government also opposes deploying a replacement weapon, even though its range would be greatly extended to 450 km (280 miles).

Moreover, a CFE agreement reducing Warsaw Pact tanks could further erode the rationale for the Lance since an accord would thin out the very targets the missile is designed to destroy.

Under pressure, from Bonn, the United States has agreed to negotiate cuts in short-range missiles with the Soviet Union down to equal levels once implementation of a CFE agreement is under way — possibly in the next two years.

But Washington has said it will not agree to scrapping short-range missiles altogether.

Nato's so-called high-level group of experts has now been commissioned to define Nato's nuclear needs once a CFE agreement has been achieved — its second restructuring task in two years.

It is already in the throes of deciding how to reshuffle the nuclear arsenal to take account of the 1987 superpower intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty which eliminated ground-based Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.

Negotiate

One of the group's tasks will be to try to marry Lance modernisation plans with the political commitment to negotiate short-range missile cuts, officials say.

One possible outcome is that once Washington and Moscow have negotiated these cuts, West Germany may be persuaded to take some of the new follow-on weapon to Lance.

By then, Nato may have switched to greater reliance away from land-based systems to sea and air-based weapons.

But some experts believe that given Bonn's sensitivities deployment of a new weapon of extended range is now politically out of the question.

"I do not see any way that a follow-on to Lance will be deployed," said Hans Binnendijk, a nuclear expert at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Binnendijk believes that, as arms control negotiations bring more concessions from Moscow, Nato may be prepared to elaborate a new concept of "minimum deterrence" possibly by slashing its warhead stockpile from the present 4,000 down to as low as 1,000.

Binnendijk believes a new tactical air-to-surface missile (Tasm) under development would play a major role in deterrence and that there might finally be a decision to deploy another land-based weapon to replace the Lance — though not the long-range one that is now on the drawing board. (Brussels — Reuter).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1605 — "Gunpowder Plot" by Guy Fawkes to blow up British House of Parliament is uncovered.

1630 — Treaty of Madrid ends Anglo-Spanish war.

1817 — Third Mahratta war against British in India begins with attack on Poona, Nagpur and Indore.

1840 — Mehmet Ali of Egypt agrees to terms of Treaty of London.

1883 — The Mahdi defeats Egyptian force under William Hicks at El Abd and Britain decides to evacuate the Sudan.

1911 — Italy annexes Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

1914 — France and Britain declare war on Turkey. Britain annexes Cyprus.

1916 — Central Powers proclaim kingdom of Poland.

1950 — US Gen. Douglas MacArthur reports massing of Chinese communists in North Korea.

1956 — British paratroopers land at Port Said, Egypt; Soviet Union threatens use of rockets unless Britain and France accept Middle East ceasefire.

1962 — UN General Assembly demands all nuclear tests cease by January 1, 1963; Saudi Arabia severs relations with United Arab Republic.

1970 — Vatican issues document reforming Roman Catholic Mass.

1985 — UN General Assembly approves resolution calling on Vietnam to withdraw its forces from Cambodia.

1987 — South Africa releases African National Congress leader Go van Mbeki, prisoner for 23 years and colleague of Nelson Mandela.

1988 — Algeria's President Chadli Bendjedid appoints former head of military security to form new government in wake of widespread riots.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

Soviet reforms taken seriously

Confrontation out of fashion

THE question that everybody, who cares about international affairs, is asking here is: will President Mikhail Gorbachev survive, and if he does, for how long. I have just spent three weeks in the Soviet Union and there too it is a question that is widely debated.

In Washington the Bush administration is divided among those who wish him well and believe that he deserves American support, and those who distrust his efforts at democratising the Soviet political system and who believe that it would be easier to preserve the Western alliance if there is someone to hate, for it helps to keep the West united against the Soviet Union. Secretary of State James Baker belongs to the first group, Vice-President Dan Quayle to the second. President George Bush seems to be leaning more to the first, because confrontational policies are getting out of fashion, especially in Europe where Gorbachev's efforts to reform the Soviet political system are taken seriously.

In this connection, I often told Russians that there are two revolutions in progress: Gorbachev's and a growing desire among Americans that he succeeds. Still, back in Washington I find that there is a lack of appreciation of the momentous political changes for the better that are in train in the Soviet Union, and the risk Gorbachev is taking. His greatest problem is that while people abroad believe that what matters most are the new freedoms he is trying to introduce into the Soviet political system, the Soviets focus on what matters to them most, having more to eat at cheaper prices and being able to buy more consumer goods in the shops. Time again I am being asked in the West whether it does not matter more to the Soviet people to enjoy freedoms never enjoyed before than having full stomachs. But, alas, and it is only too human, they attach greater importance to more food. The vast majority has little interest in the enjoyments of free speech since few of them know what it means. Good many among them even believe, as I found out from various conversations, that free speech creates bitter controversies, conflicts, instability and slow decision-making, and makes governing more difficult.

How difficult, under these circumstances, is it for Gorbachev to govern? It is certainly more difficult than he had assumed. And it explains his recent efforts to fortify his own position. How successful has he been in those efforts. He now has a fairly comfortable majority in the Politburo. It took four strikes to get rid of the most obstructive opponents. He could not do it in one sweep which is indicative of the kind of diplomatic manoeuvres he had to use to make himself secure. He still has two quite virulent opponents on the Politburo, Yegor Ligachev and Lev Zaikov, whose presence he has to swallow; Vitaly Vorotnikov, another conservative, seems to be less obstructive. Ligachev continues to criticise Gorbachev in public, but the local experts told me that he is not a popular figure and hence not a likely alternative to him if he were toppled.

Gorbachev also enjoys majority support in the Supreme Soviet which used to be a rubber-stamp organ, but has become the equivalent of a parliament and the debates there which I watched on Soviet television were remarkably free-swinging and quite a test for members of the government. Abalkin, for instance, Soviet deputy prime minister for economic reform, found himself on the gridle for three hours and two or three times had to be helped by Gorbachev when the questioning became too searching. At least 110 members of the former Supreme Soviet resigned to make place for Gorbachev supporters and, I am told, the Soviet leader now has a safe majority in that chamber, which has started passing laws, confirming government ministers and debating the Soviet Union's many crisis situations.

It is difficult to estimate Gorbachev's support in the Central Committee whose members represent the party in various states. According to most estimates he does not have majority support in this body. Legally, this body cannot unseat him, only the Congress of the People's Deputies which meets twice a year and consists of 2,200 members. But one could therefore conclude that Gorbachev is safe in the saddle for some time to come, but nobody knows whether the democratisation has gone deep enough for the legal rules to be observed under any circumstances. It is possible to imagine that, if confidence in the Soviet leader were badly undermined, he could find himself in a situation where he would have to resign under the pressure of circumstances.

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Mikhail Gorbachev: risk

I asked good many Soviet members of the Supreme Soviet whether the widening economic crisis might not be due to the local party apparatus trying to undermine it if not sabotage. Gorbachev's leadership. But nobody seemed to be able to answer this question. There were those who thought that this may be one of the answers, but others doubted it, saying that there are more factual, more obvious reasons for the crisis. That did not mean, however, that they emphasised, that they were not resentful of Gorbachev and his policies.

In the Congress of People's Deputies which has 2,200 members Gorbachev has a solid majority. This is important because it does not have the legal authority to fire Gorbachev or any leader. One could therefore conclude that Gorbachev is safe in the saddle for some time to come, but nobody knows whether the democratisation has gone deep enough for the legal rules to be observed under any circumstances. It is possible to imagine that, if confidence in the Soviet leader were badly undermined, he could find himself in a situation where he would have to resign under the pressure of circumstances.

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price structure which would save the government billions in subsidies, because he is afraid of the dissatisfaction it may unleash among the people, but, sooner rather than later, he will have to bite into this bitter fruit.

The government also needs to find ways to soak up the accumulated "excess" purchasing power in savings accounts and cash stashed away under bed mattresses. The bond investment schemes proposed so far are unsatisfactory. But, above all, there is a need to increase the production of consumer goods and durables to reduce the shortages and arrest the deterioration of the economy. However, I was left with the impression after talking to Soviet economic experts directly involved in trying to find ways to deal with the economic crisis, that many of the vital decisions have yet to be taken, that there are quite a few alternative solutions that have been worked out but that the decision to proceed with one or the other are being delayed because inevitably they all will be resisted by the broad public.

The government, for instance, has encountered a growing opposition to co-operatives, privately owned enterprises, because they go against the deeply rooted principle of egalitarianism, that has for so long governed the public mind. They make more money, often in hard currencies, than the average worker, farmer or bureaucrat can earn.

It all proves that it is very difficult to change a centrally managed economy into a free market economy. It has been suggested that the United States should send teams of economists to the Soviet Union to help with the introduction of the free market, and while several Soviet bureaucrats said to me that this would be welcome other experts directly involved said that it would simply not work because those Western free-marketeers don't know how a managed economy is run. There is a lot to do for Gorbachev, but not much time in which to do it.

Greenland marks ten years of autonomy

Danish help still needed

AFTER a decade of semi-independence from Denmark, Greenlanders are struggling to preserve their cultural identity while creating a modern state in their huge ice-bound island.

But the costs of self-reliance keep growing for the 53,000 people of Greenland.

In half a century the indigenous Inuit people have gone from a culture of hunters to a European-influenced society relying largely on fish and shrimp processing, seal skin tanneries and tourism.

This year Denmark's former Arctic colony celebrates 10 years of self-government under a home-rule plan, with its own cabinet and Parliament. Foreign affairs, defence and the legal system are still directed from Copenhagen.

Greenland sends two representatives to the Danish Parliament, and Denmark is represented in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, by a top official of the prime minister's office.

Despite its political independence, Greenland still depends on annual subsidies from Denmark amounting to \$347 million, or 86 per cent of its budget.

But the Danish assistance hasn't solved all the problems of this vast land of rock and ice with few exploitable natural resources besides fish and other wildlife.

Chronic unemployment plagues the nation, along with alcoholism and the world's highest suicide rate.

It is difficult to determine the full extent of unemployment, since joblessness varies with the season and most fishermen are self-employed and therefore not registered.

About 50 Greenlanders, mostly young men, kill themselves a year, giving the country a rate of 129 suicides per 100,000, compared with second-ranking Hungary with 45 suicides per 100,000.

"Alcohol is always involved, along with problems

Nielsen said campaigns against seal-hunting not only ruined the once lucrative skin trade but also damaged the fishing industry.

"The herds grew unchecked, and the seals now compete with Greenlanders for fish," he said.

Greenland's southern coasts are snowless and verdant in summer, and it was here that the Scandinavian Vikings landed 1,000 years ago and gave the country its somewhat misleading name.

Nuuk has a small university that specializes in Eskimology and nursing. Unemployed people are being retrained for new jobs in public works projects. And contacts with Inuits in other countries, especially Canada, are opening new trade routes.

Still, the expensive social welfare programmes inherited from Denmark are draining the economy. Nuuk, the largest city with 13,000 people pays \$14 million a year for benefits like subsidized housing, kindergarten and day care centres, and unemployment payments. Free health services are provided by the Danes.

The job situation was worsened by the international campaign against seal and whale hunting, one of the main sources of income for the Inuit people who rely on hunting and fishing.

Fish products — cod, halibut and shrimp — account for about 80 per cent of the island's exports. Income from fishing varies widely from district to district and depends on the size of vessel, says Pavia Nielsen, a fisherman from Nuuk.

"A small shrimper can make 50,000 kroner (\$6,900) a year, while a big factory trawler can earn up to 10 million kroner (\$1.4 million)," said Nielsen.

But an annual income of 50,000 kroner is not enough for someone to live on in Greenland. Nielsen said campaigns against seal-hunting not only ruined the once lucrative skin trade but also damaged the fishing industry.

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Letters to the editor

Voting right

SIR: Winston Churchill at the time of granting independence to India said: "To hand over power at this stage to Jawaharlal Nehru and his Congress Party is to give power to someone who will exploit the poor masses to such an extent for their personal gains that ultimately the poor Indian masses will have nothing but air to breathe freely without taxation." Yet these poor masses comprising 80 per cent of India's population show no resentment because of their ignorance due to illiteracy.

In order to exploit them Congress has kept them purposely backward and it is their votes which are important for Congress to come to power. If these illiterates are disturbed they can easily destroy Congress as they did in 1977. Granting Janata to power because of repression and forced family planning let loose by Indira Gandhi. Second way to disturb them is to educate them which Congress will never do knowing once they are educated they will be aware of all the corruption and thus they will not elect Congress back to power. The 20 per cent elite of India has kept democratic process very much alive and because of them democratic process is surviving in India.

This month the biggest democracy in the world will stand for its test. Fortunately an eighteen-year-old person will have the right to franchise but unfortunately not an expatriate Indian of over 18 though most of the renowned democracies of the world are granting this sacred right of voting to their non-resident citizens. This is the greatest injustice done to Indian citizens and regrettably there is no movement yet to fight for this right. If, we can get this right I am sure all other privileges such as Air-India, customs clearance, educational facilities in professional colleges for our children, unaccompanied luggage clearance and other benefits we can easily get. In the absence of voting right for us we

US economy expands for the eighth year

WASHINGTON, Nov 4. (Reuters): Although US industry has weakened in the past several months, the huge services sector has helped extend the current economic expansion toward its eighth year, a peace time record.

But some economists are worried that the risk of recession next year has increased because the services sector, which accounts for the bulk of the American economy is also showing signs of slower growth.

"Although the weakness is pronounced in industry, the service sector is also beginning to soften," said economist Bruce Steinberg at Merrill Lynch.

There was further evidence of that on Friday when the Labour Department issued its employment report for October.

The slowdown was notable because the United States has evolved into a primarily services-oriented economy. Retail clerks, lawyers, medical work-

ers, stockbrokers and bus drivers, among others, account for 60 per cent of employment and produce about 70 per cent of the gross national product.

The key variable in any growth forecast is the federal reserve, for if the Central Bank detects a broad slowdown and quickly lowers interest rates, the economy could avert a mild recession that some economists are predicting for the first half of 1990.

"If services weaken, the Fed would

be quick to ease," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston company.

Services have been holding the economy up at a time when the outlook for the industrial base is far from rosy. Factory orders and construction spending have stagnated, exports have leveled off after booming for nearly two years, and Detroit's car industry has laid off 50,000 workers this year.

The latest figures from retail companies show that consumers are holding off purchases of so-called big ticket items like appliances and cars, which fuel industrial growth.

Despite these signs of trouble, many economists predict the Fed will hold credit steady, fearing that inflation could accelerate in the coming months.

"If interest rates went down, it would cut the dollar, stimulate exports and help the trade balance and manufacturing sector," said economist Charles Lieberman of Manufacturers Hanover

Corporation. "But the cost of that easing is upward pressure on inflation, so there's no unambiguously correct policy for the Fed to pursue."

At first glance, the October jobs report released on Friday seemed reassuring. The Labour Department reported a sharp 233,000 jump in net new industrial, government and service jobs, while the unemployment rate was unchanged from September's 5.3 per cent.

Stock Exchange to announce limits Trading activity stops

NEW YORK, Nov 4. (UPI): Concern over market volatility prompted the New York Stock Exchange this week to announce limits on computerised programme trades and asked brokers and institutional investors to refrain from the activity.

The exchange said Thursday it will monitor the use of programme trading and, in a step intended to discourage excessive use of the automatic trading technique that can produce heavy stock sales in seconds, disclose programme use on a weekly basis.

As an enticement to individual investors, many of whom have fled from the market, the exchange said it will give priority to the handling of their orders.

"We have in effect declared war on excess volatility," said John J. Phelan Jr., chairman of the NYSE board.

The NYSE action followed decisions by major investment firms Merrill Lynch and Co., Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., and Panhandle Inc. to completely halt index arbitrage, a complex computerised trading technique that can look in profits based on the differences between the prices in stock shares and stock-index futures. Kidder, Peabody and Co., Oppenheimer and Co. and Morgan Stanley and Co. said they would execute the practice only at a client's request.

Goldman, Sachs and Co. which gave up index arbitrage on its own account in 1988, said Thursday it will decline to carry out index arbitrage for clients if the market is down or up 30 points or more. It voiced support for the NYSE plan, citing "deterioration of liquidity and equity markets."

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, an index arbitrage centre, said Wednesday it would boost controls on such trading in falling markets.

Meanwhile, the stock market continued to show uneasiness with the widely followed Dow Jones Industrial Average moving higher early in the week with a revival in takeover speculation. However, late in the week, the Dow meandered lower when Compaq Computer Corp reported a disappointing earnings report that served to drag down the company's stock price. Other stock prices followed.

The stock market, anticipating weaker numbers, had little reaction Friday to the government's announcement that the nation's unemployment was steady in October at 5.3 per cent.

The Labour Department said the economy produced an unexpectedly high 233,000 new jobs during October, up from the 201,000 new jobs created in September.

The new jobs were almost entirely in the services sector of the economy, which gained 136,000 new jobs. Manufacturing, which lost 37,000 jobs in September, failed to rebound in October, losing 3,000 more jobs during the month.

Analysts had expected more sluggish job growth in October as part of a widely anticipated slowdown from the unexpectedly strong summertime economic growth.

As a result, the Federal Reserve has been cautiously letting interest rates inch downward in recent weeks, trying to walk the line between causing a recession with too tight a monetary policy and rekindling inflation with too lax a policy.

As a sign of unexpected economic strength, the October report could make the Fed, which has set a primary goal of reducing inflation, more reluctant to lower interest rates.

On the merger and acquisitions front, the maker of Britain's prestigious Jaguar automobile agreed Thursday to a \$2.5 billion takeover bid from Ford Motor Co.

Ford, which already owned about 13 per cent of Jaguar PLC shares, offered \$13.345 for each ordinary share, which some analysts described as a premium price.

Recent weeks, Jaguar has been the subject of a bidding war between US auto giants Ford, the No. 2 automaker, and General Motors Corp., the industry leader.

GM said in a statement it would not bid for any Jaguar shares, concluding that "the maximum value that could be assigned to all of the Jaguar shares was very significantly below" what Ford offered.

Takeover interest was rekindled in UAL Corp., parent of United Airlines, as Coniston partners said Friday it had taken a 9.7 per cent stake in the company and plans to seek control of the board.

Earlier in the week, UAL said financier Saul Steinberg was seeking regulatory clearance to increase his holding in UAL above 15 per cent.

Georgia-Pacific Corp. Tuesday offered \$3.19 billion, or \$58 a share, for great Northern Nekoosa, which did not offer.

Nekoosa's stance may prompt a bidding war, analysts said.

The week saw several top-level executive departures. Among them, troubled Campbell Soup Co. forced out its president and chief executive officer R. Gordon McGovern, suggesting members of the controlling Dorrance family intend to reshape the company following the death of chairman John T. Dorrance last spring.

Meanwhile, Robert L. Bernstein abruptly departed as chairman of Random House, the nation's largest publisher of general interest books. Bernstein had guided the company for 23 years, building it into an international publishing power.

Foreign banks may opt to reduce debt

MEXICO CITY, Nov 4. (AP): Many of Mexico's foreign creditors are opting to reduce outstanding debt rather than make new loans, the government newspaper *El Nacional* reports.

Mexico is currently awaiting responses from about 500 private foreign banks to a US-promoted debt-reduction plan that offers the banks several options. Those options included accepting cuts in interest or principal or making new loans.

The agreement, reached in July, deals with the \$57.7 billion of Mexico's \$107 billion foreign debt that is owed to private banks.

The *El Nacional* report yesterday, attributed to banking sources, said most of the major Japanese creditors will opt for cutting principal by 35 per cent on Mexican debt.

When the agreement was reached with the New York-based committee representing creditor banks worldwide, Mexican negotiators said they expected about 80 per cent of the banks to accept a reduction in principal or interest rather than provide new funds.

El Nacional said an analysis of replies from 120 banks showed most picking the reduction options rather than increasing their loans to Mexico, but gave no breakdown.

The deadline for the banks to choose their options under the agreement is Friday night, *El Nacional* said.

■ Venezuela has auctioned off \$146.6 million worth of investments in the first step of a debt-equity swap programme with bidders offering an average discount of 43 per cent.

The court, in a judgement on Nov 1 which effectively said Hammersmith and Fulham Council was

not responsible for the losses it incurred in such dealing, acknowledged swaps could be valuable in managing debt and hedging interest rate risks.

"We can see that properly controlled activities of this nature could provide a useful tool which, if it were available to the council, would enable it to minimise its expenditure on interest and increase its income from investments," the court said.

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Programme trading haunts Wall Street

\$40b invested in strategies

NEW YORK, Nov 4. (AP): A host of Wall Street investment houses have stepped away from index arbitrage, but programme trading detractors say other, perhaps even more insidious trading strategies still haunt the stock market.

Designed to reduce risk and capable of moving huge numbers of shares with the flick of a computer key, trading techniques with militaristic names such as "tactical asset allocation" are being

used and, some say, could trigger rampant volatility.

Some \$40 billion was invested in asset allocation strategies eight months ago, according to estimates by the House of Representatives subcommittee on telecommunications and finance. And because the amount is growing rapidly, asset allocation has captured the concern of politicians and stock exchange officials alike.

Pension and mutual funds have come to embrace the strategy, which in its simplest form divides money among stocks, bonds and cash. The most complex form of asset allocation expands to include future as well as foreign stocks and bonds.

Using computer models that evaluate the fundamentals of each market, money managers shift assets among the various asset classes. If the stock market appears attractive, for example, money managers might sell bonds to buy stocks.

It is the rapid movement of large sums of money that can spook the markets.

New York Stock Exchange chairman John Phelan yesterday voiced his concern over asset allocation this way: "the problem ... is when you've got everybody following the same formula, it's like everybody deciding to take a drive in the country on a nice day, and you can't move because of the traffic on the roads."

On the political front, Rep. Edward J. Markey, chairman of the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, has asked the stock exchange to examine tactical asset allocation as part of its study of market volatility.

"It has potentially the same or even greater negative effect than portfolio insurance had in 1987," he said, referring to a strategy in which sophisticated investors sell options or futures against the underlying stock in a portfolio in attempts to offset price declines and enhance price increases.

Portfolio insurance was drastically curtailed following the Black Monday stock market crash two years ago.

While acknowledging that asset allocators moving funds in the same direction can have "a snowballing effect" on the market, Jack Barbanel noted that the strategy relies on the basically sound theory of "not putting all of your eggs in the same basket."

Barbanel, president of the Princeton, New Jersey-based First Global Asset Management Inc., said he thinks the concerns of overdone.

While the asset allocation concept has been around for some time, most money managers did not rely on it until after the 1987 crash, when they took a beating because they had too much money invested in the stock market.

In addition, pension funds typically had separate money managers handling investments in the various markets. Barbanel said it is only recently that money managers have developed the expertise to work across the various markets. Yet critics are frightened by the sheer amount of money involved.

"The danger is the more people who get involved in this strategy, there's a rush to do it first," said a state attorney for Markey's Committee. "If interest rates move, you have the same phenomenon of people rushing, firing off waves of selling, and the market doesn't have the liquidity to sustain massive waves of selling."

The attorney noted that any given point, index arbitrage, the practice that involved buying or selling stocks with opposite, offsetting trades in the futures market, involves no more than \$10 billion to 15 billion, a fraction of the amount of money devoted to asset allocation.

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Soviet strike spreads

A coal miners strike in the Soviet Arctic grew as more miners joined in and others held a strike ballot, defying a Kremlin appeal to end the stoppage.

In Vorkuta, only one of the Arctic town's 13 pits was now working after another mine joined the strike yesterday, a spokesman for the local strike committee said.

The mines employ 26,000 people.

Strikers met on Thursday and asked the government to send a commission to Vorkuta to examine their demands, the spokesman said. But there had been no response.

At Irkutsk, 280 km (180 miles) southwest of Vorkuta, 15,000 workers were holding a strike vote, a strike committee spokesman said. "The picture we are getting is that the majority support a strike but the results will not be known until this evening," he said by telephone from Irkutsk.

The Soviet parliament voted last month to ban strikes in the energy sector to prevent a repeat of July's damaging coal strike after President Mikhail Gorbachev warned that further labour unrest could derail his perestroika reforms. Picture shows striking miners looking disappointed as they hear that a government resolution is not being implemented. (Reuter wirephoto)

Currency auction

First Soviet bid

MOSCOW, Nov 4. (AP): The Soviet Union yesterday conducted its first auction of foreign convertible currency, designed to give more state-run businesses access to foreign equipment and services.

The official Tass news agency reported that the auction took place at the bank for foreign economic relations, but did not say what the results were.

Such an auction could provide a more realistic picture of the value of the rouble against convertible foreign currencies than the high value supported by the government by showing how many roubles Soviets are willing to trade for the currency.

The rouble cannot be exported or traded on world markets for US dollars, British pounds, West German marks or other currencies.

Under the official rate, the dollar is worth only 0.6 roubles, but last week the government in effect admitted that rate was far to high. It set a new rate of about 6 roubles to the dollar for tourists coming to the Soviet Union and for Soviets trading their roubles to travel abroad.

Even that rate is far below the black market rate, which fluctuates at a rate higher than 10 roubles to the dollar.

Similar auctions held recently in Czechoslovakia resulted in bids several times the official rate of 9-10 Czechoslovak crowns to the dollar.

Spain's bold step

Banks to merge

BARCELONA, Nov 4. (AP): Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, Spain's largest clearing bank.

Called La Caja de Pensiones Y de Barcelona, the new bank would be co-chaired by Juan Antonio Samaranch, chairman of La Caixa, and Josep Joan Pinto, chairman of La Caja de Pensiones.

To start with the new bank will concentrate its business in the prosperous northeastern region of Catalonia. None of Spain's largest commercial banks is Catalan in origin.

The merger is subject to approval by their respective general assemblies on Nov 30, the Catalan regional government, the Bank of Spain, tax concessions from the Economy Ministry and agreement from unions, the statement said.

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York-based International Swap Dealers Association last year doubled in volume to \$29 billion (\$46 billion). The trade group argues that the first expansion underlines the need for hedging instruments.

One reason the court ruling so rankled with the industry is that some of the local government bodies used to be counted among the best names in the market.

"Local authorities were considered to be almost risk-free," one senior economist at a British clearing bank said.

British banks stand to lose up to \$640m on capital markets

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuters): British banks stand to lose up to £400 million (\$640 million) through cash-strapped local authorities losing esoteric games on capital markets.

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IDA aid to stay on same levels

TOKYO, Nov 4. (AP): The International Development Association, the world's largest source of financial assistance for poor countries, has decided to maintain current aid levels in its next three-year programme, an official said today.

But during a two-day meeting that ended today in Kyoto, western Japan, several potential IDA donors, including the United States, failed to commit themselves on how much aid the can offer, announced Ernest Stern, a committee chairman and vice senior chairman of the World Bank.

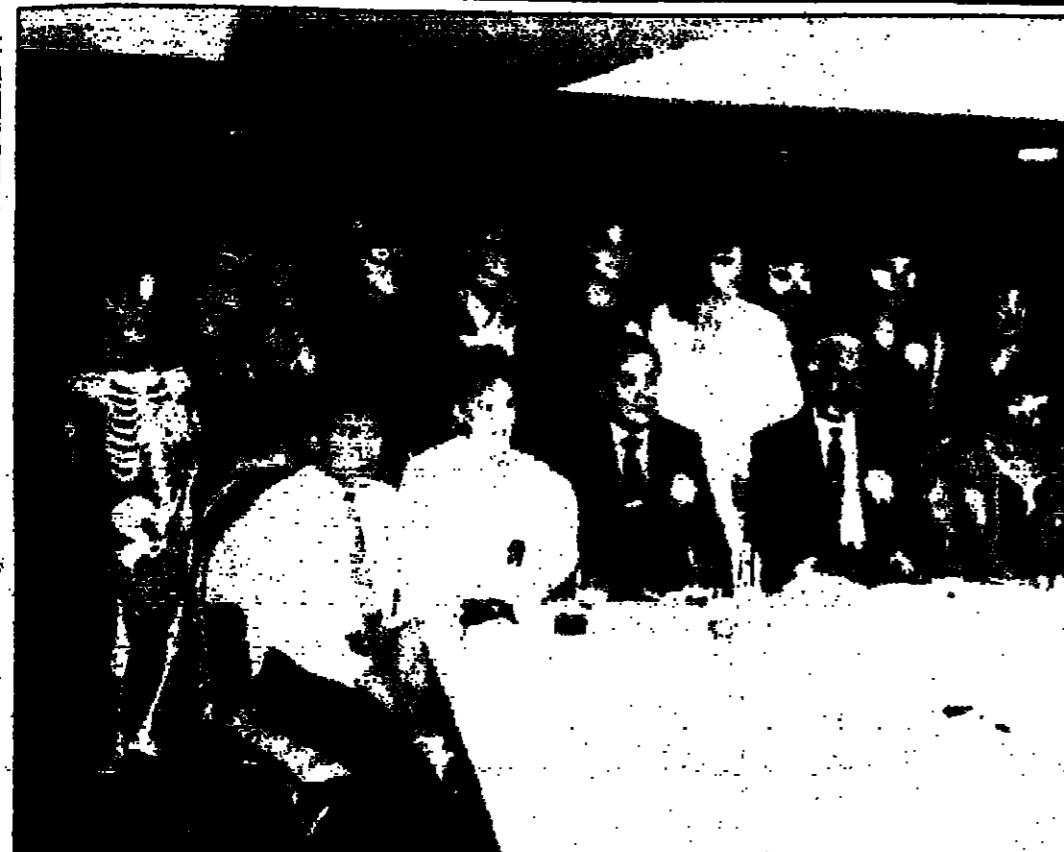
The IDA representatives from 30 countries agreed to maintain the amount of aid at last year's level, which would require participants to contribute a total of \$14.5 billion, Stern said in a statement. The three-year programme is to begin in July 1990.

Although several member nations refused to make definitive commitments in Kyoto, the committee expects to have final replies from all participants at its next meeting scheduled for mid-December in Washington.

Stern said the United States, which offered 25 per cent of the total amount of aid this year and was the largest among the 35 donors, did not present a figure at this meeting, due to domestic financial problems.

Most other participants presented the amount of donations they plan for the programme, but the figures will not be released until

EVENTS



Halloween night with Flassik, Ambassador Tamano and his wife.



Orly Gallego, winner of Flassik '89's Michael Jackson dance-alike contest, receives his trophy and gift from M.H. Muhammed Abdul Salam and Norie Tamano, the wife of the Philippine ambassador to Kuwait.

Invasion of the Spooks

HALLOWEEN, the eve of All Saints' Day and Flassik's programme for the benefit of its welfare recipients was a stupendous success judging from the number of people who joined Flassik in another of its altruistic projects. The guests commemorated the pagan feast by arriving in their weird, spookiest costumes from black cats to black widow spiders, ghosts and goblins, witches and wizards, all adding up to conjure an air of eerie mysticism. Flassik and friends shooed everyone that charitable endeavours can also be fun and exciting.

The evening started with the Kuwaiti national anthem followed by the Famban-sang Awit ng Pilipinos led by Flassik '89 director Tess Balderas.

Grace Fe N. Covarrubias, looking very spooky in her ghost outfit, welcomed the guests and thanked them for their vital support rendering towards Flassik's projects. She also articulately greeted Flassik's friends Arabic.

A modern dance of mysticism was performed by the talented tandem of Flassik's friends from Jahra Hospital — Vangie Simoy and Carl Baginda.

The affair was graced by the presence of

the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait, Dr Mauyng Mohammad Tamano and his wife, Hafsa Norie Tamano. The ambassador heaped praises on Flassik's president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and her officers and lauded the welfare projects they have zealously undertaken during their term of office. He also exhorted Filipino workers to be loyal to their employers and to always uphold the virtues of industriousness and diligence which the Filipinos are well known for. He emphasized the need for unity and co-operation between the Filipino community, our host country, Kuwait and other members of the expatriate community here. Ambassador Tamano was introduced by the statuque Flassik secretary, Marilyn M. Inductio.

Rena Marin, wife of the Philippine Labour Attaché Bert Marin, mesmerized the audience with her rendition of "memory" from the bestselling Broadway hit "Evita". Then a 20th century dance from the World Beyond was performed by Billy Vergary whose fluidity of movement enthralled the audience.

Flassik's parties have always been the

means for the working population to relax, unwind and have good, wholesome entertainment. Marivic Castillo of Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital looked ethereal as she awed the audience with her jazz-ballet number.

The highlight of the evening was the search for the Flassik '89 Michael Jackson based upon the best-selling film "Thriller". A group of sprightly, lithe gentlemen competed for the coveted title and the audience were rapidly thrilled with the imitations of Michael Jackson to tunes of songs like "Thriller" and "Beat It".

The members of the board of judges headed by Consuls General Olivia V. Palala had a difficult time in reaching their verdict since all the contestants performed superbly. The 3rd runner-up went to Khalid Mohammad, 2nd runner-up was Juan Santos, 1st runner up was Sam Vamal and the title of "Flassik '89 Michael Jackson" went to Orly Gallego who was indeed the epitome of the mega star that night. The other judges were Lito Matig — A of FCC, Flassik treasurer R.C. Ruiz and Connie Uy.

The winners were awarded, trophies and valuable prizes under the courtesy of M.H. Muhammed Abdul Salam, managing partner of Jamal Al Ghani Supermarkets.

Before the Halloweeners danced the night away, after a sumptuous dinner, Flassik '89 announced the winners of the costume contest. Pamela Rose Rojo bagged the "Cutest Costume" as she romped around in her Bugs Bunny attire complete with a carrot. "Funnest costume" went to Jhett Tan who was dressed as a clown. "Spookiest costume" went to Sylvia Binarao who came in an ensemble which was a combination of body parts from various characters which made her almost unrecognizable. Amir Jamal was awarded the "Wierdest costume" title when he came in a glitzy spectre of the angel of death. Camelia Turner, who appeared as a "Hobo" got the "Most Original" costume award and Carl Baginda who was the evening's Count Dracula was adjudged "Best Halloween Costume".

Flassik '89 wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to M.H. Muhammed Abdul Salam for his generosity in sponsoring the affair.

In the Psychiatrist's Chair

Sultry songstress Eartha Kitt's life has been tinged with tragedy. She says she is two people — one the singer and entertainer, the other the private person who takes over when she steps off the stage. Now she is the subject of another searching interview by Dr Anthony Clare.

Sunday, Nov 5 at 19:15 and Monday Nov 6 at 10:30 and 16:30.

Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

Nostalgia Filipina

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will organise the Philippine Community Day on Friday, November 24, which coincides with the selection of Hiyas ng Filipinas — Kuwait '89, a personality and talent contests. The theme of this year's celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

The association's main objective of this year's project is to ease loneliness and homesickness of the Filipinos in Kuwait and to feel that they are not away from home.

The Hiyas is the first of its kind by Kapilku and this year's selection will be the biggest, more colourful and exciting ever, Kapilku president Manny Liso.

It will be a cultural show and musical extravaganza will be an added attraction to all guests which will be performed by best Filipino singers in Kuwait.

For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for Social and Cultural Affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone No. 4843447 or Jim Mercado vice-chairman on telephone number 4899418.

Navelina feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelina will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Planiot wanted

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

Navelina Youth Centre

NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Get together

DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfil your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

Yoga morning classes

MESSILAH Beach Hotel yoga morning classes will commence Tuesday, November 28, at 9:30 am. 5 classes KD 10/- to register contact 5624111 ext 739/751.

Swimming/life saving

SWIMMING/life saving courses with Royal Life Saving, society coach and grade 1 examiner will be commencing at Messilah Beach Hotel Club.

Accounting courses continue

THE third week of the Book-keeping and Basic Accounting free classes organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) was packed by enthusiastic participants who were eager to learn about the complete accounting cycle in solving the single proprietorship transaction sponsored by the Far East Restaurant.

Jun Arenas, a banker and finance attaché discussed the correct presentation and treatment of the accounts in income statements. He explained the definition of the respective accounts. Jun de Dios, finance and administration manager of EEI then explained the relationship of each account in the balance sheet. He further discussed the meaning of each account title in the Statement of Condition.

Delfin Yambot, chief accountant of KBC gave an actual transaction in a single proprietorship service business which delighted clever students.

Manny Inserto, Kapilku's president and a banker, briefly discussed each account presented in the balance sheet of a Philippine Commercial Bank. The account names were discussed thoroughly by Prexy Inserto.

Construction accounting

IN THE next session, Friday, the lecturers, Joe Sta. Maria, chief accountant of EEI and De Dios will discuss project costing (cost centre), types of projects, financing of construction business and the significance of construction accounting.

A case study about the manufacturing business will be presented by Yambot to enable the participants to understand transaction recordings and the necessary treatment of each problem.

Inserto will also explain the new innovations in the banking industry, plus the official presentation of the Statement of Earnings and Expenses and the Balance Sheet (Statement of Condition).

Finally, the importation of cars by Filipino contract workers will be discussed by Arenas on Friday, November 17th. All Kapilku members who wish to stay for the discussion are welcome.

Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social & cultural affairs is the chairperson of the Bookkeeping & Basic Accounting Courses.

• All entries for the What's On column can be sent by fax (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

For more details please phone ext 739/751.

Carrom tournament

PEOPLE'S Trust Club carrom tournament for all Indians will be held on Nov 17 in Caravan's Restaurant, Fahd Al Salam Street, beside Hardess. Draw will be at Caravan's Restaurant at 9 am sharp.

Contact

THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

First "Big" Meeting:

NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Buhyan Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on L.I.L.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

Morning

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran

9.40 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety

9.50 Around the World: Cartoon Serial

10.05 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)

10.15 Al Ghaba: Arabic serial (part 15)

11.15 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety

11.30 That's Incredible: Variety Programme

12.35 News Summary

12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

11.45 News Summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran

6.10 The New Three Stooges, a cartoon series for children

6.30 Munters Today "The Howling" Herman trains on Kong-Fu; "Addie" tries singing

7.00 Mutual of Omaha's "Rafting into Siberia" A joint American and Soviet team carry out an exploration trip in Siberia. The team members perform their mission in a brotherly and friendly atmosphere...

8.00 News in English

8.30 Bergerac: "Fall of a Birdman" A hang-glider disappears during a break in the shooting of a TV commercial... His body is found on the other side of the island... Bergerac investigations lead to unexpected results...

9.30 Life and Death "Poison" A look at poisons and contagious diseases

10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show "They're Here" Dr Edward's father imagines to have met creatures from the outer space and calls people to believe him.

10.30 The Family Tree" Part 2: Kevin's attitude towards his children's problems and the children of his new wife.

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

The Last Idol

Salimiyah

NEWS

Tourist guide mauled: A Filipino tourist guide filed a complaint with the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) against his Japanese employer who allegedly maltreated him.

Jose Laurio, 26, of 12 Serrano Compound Dona Rosario Subdivision, Nueva Ecija, Quezon City, said his employer almost killed him by kicking and boxing him when he went home without permission.

Laurio said on July 15, he asked the permission of Akio Tajima, 21, tourist, a native of Tokyo, Japan and presently residing at 32 Yakal St., Proj. 3, Quezon City to visit his family.

Laurio said Tajima neither approved or turned down his request so he went home but he left a letter informing Tajima that he will be back after a few hours.

Laurio claimed that Tajima maltreated him when he returned. His third rib was fractured as a result of the mauling.

Drunk soldiers maul tribesman: An Aeta tribesman is seeking the help of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) for the prosecution of four military troopers who allegedly manhandled him in Bato, Camarines Sur Wednesday.

Adelino Barso, the Aeta first complained before some members of the Civilian Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) that he was mauled and made to walk on his knees Wednesday by four drunken Army scout rangers while he was peddling herbal medicines in Barangay crossing in Bato, Camarines Sur.

The 45-year-old ethnic tribesman residing in the upland village of Matacon, Polangui, Albay, said he can recognize his tormentors if he sees them again.

The victim complained that he was kicked and boxed by the drunken soldiers as he walked on his knees.

Barso said selling indigenous medicines during market days in the barangay and in other places is his main source of livelihood.

Poisoned: The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said that the trader found dead inside the Halina Lodge in Pasay City died of asphyxia through carbon monoxide poisoning.

NBI DI Maximo Reyes said results of tests conducted on the lady companion of the trader were not yet ready.

Edgardo Mules, 34, of Quezon City and Jocelyn Ceniza, 18, a worker of the Vice-Versa Beerhouse in Makati, were already lifeless in their car a garage when a roomboy tried to check on them.

The NBI said Mules was negative for poisonous substances in the veins, lungs, liver and spleen.

Mules was also negative for drugs.

Reyes said the couple could have inhaled the exhaust from their car when they turned on the engine.

The tests, however, could not say whether the couple suffocated intentionally or not.

Mules' wife, Alma, stood pat on her belief that her husband was murdered.

Gold hunt stopped: The Department of Tourism said it had stopped the digging in Baguio's Burnham Park in search of Yamashita's gold.

Tourism Secretary Peter Garrido Jr said he was forced to make an on-the-spot investigation after Baguio residents complained about the digging.

Garrido said Teofilo Garcia, hired by the Philippine Tourism Authority, admitted that the digging was made underneath the food stalls near the Burnham Park grandstand at night to escape public notice.

Garcia admitted that because Burnham Park was widely rumoured to be sheltering part of Yamashita's treasure, second only to Fort Santiago in Intramuros, he was prompted to start a search.

Baby exchange: A live baby boy has been allegedly swapped for a dead baby girl by personnel of a government maternity hospital.

Butcher Eugenio Manisol, 27, and Jocelyn Torres, 25, of 1715 Int. 15 Pedro Gil St., San Vincente, Paco, Manila narrated to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) that she was rushed to the hospital for labour pains.

The following day Jocelyn delivered by cesarean section.

At bed 212 on the second floor she was informed that her baby was a very weak girl."

Eugenio said he requested hospital personnel to let him see the baby but a nurse barred him, saying the child "was under medication and in an incubator."

The manials said they were roused from sleep by a nurse and informed that their child was already dead.

Eugenio asked the nurse to let him see his child even if she was already in the morgue. He was ushered into a door leading to the morgue but was stopped meters after by a guard who said no one could be admitted until morning.

Eugenio said he returned to her wife and saw her scanning the records in the nurses' station. They then found out that Jocelyn actually gave birth to a boy.

The couple called attention of the nurses and a doctor but they were ignored.

12 slain in clashes: Five new People's Army (NPA) men—including the nephew of Leopoldo Mabilangan alias Ka Hector, chief of the Malito Gloc command—and seven army troopers were killed in separate clashes in Tayabas, Quezon and Tiat, Cagayan, military authorities reported.

The southern Luzon command (Solcom) based in camp Nakar said members of the scout ranger battalion led by Maj. Cristobal Balaoong were on patrol in Barangay Valencia, Tayabas when they encountered some 30 heavily armed NPA men at about 7 a.m.

Reports said government soldiers killed five of the rebels as they fled.

Slain were a certain Ka Lito, a nephew of Ka Hector based in Quezon province, Ka Jet, Ka Ranto and wife Doris and Ka Nori.

In Tiat, Cagayan, about 100 communist terrorists killed seven army soldiers in Barangay Cumarang.

Two women recruiters arrested: Two suspected illegal recruiters for a Kuwait-based company were arrested by Capcom West Sector soldiers after an applicant complained that they gave her two different passports.

Arrested were Edna Reotica, 30, of 1028 Felix Huertas, Sta. Cruz, Manila, and Virginian Dizon, 43, of 1083 San Luis St., Vigan, Ilocos Sur, said Capcom intelligence officer Capt. Antonio Ibay.

Ibay said one Conessa Felnad, 21, of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, accused the two women of giving her two passports, one as contract worker and the other as tourist.

Felnad alleged that she paid Reotica and Dizon some P15,000 for her travel papers as domestic helper for a Kuwaiti employer with a monthly salary of 40 dinars. She said the two recruiters failed to send her to Kuwait.

The two passports issued to Felnad were found to be genuine but Department of Foreign Affairs officials told Ibay that it is illegal for anyone to get two passports.

DO YOU KNOW?

* Cory Aquino was fully aware of the coup plotted by Enrile much before the presidential elections of 1985. Read Worth Dying For by Simon Lewis.

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* How hollow Imelda's claim was for her aristocratic origins. Read Rise and Fall of Imelda by Carmen Pedrosa.

* How Marcos concocted War Medal stories and how the crony capitalism thrived. Read The Marcos File by Charles McDougal.

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Also available with these shops the second edition of Filipino-Arabic dictionary.



Lawmen inspect the big marijuana haul taken to the Rizal PC headquarters in Taytay.

54 sacks of marijuana to be burned

THE 54 sacks of high-grade marijuana leaves abandoned by members of a drug syndicate and subsequently found by the police in Fairview, Quezon City the other day will be burned, Vice-Mayor Toto Sotto said.

Sotto, the city anti-drug council chairman, said his group and the city's police are hot on the trail of members of the 14-K gang, the notorious drug ring that is suspected to own the huge drug cache.

The sacks contained about 30 kilos each of dried marijuana leaves, neatly packed and ready for transport. Camp Carme authorities have said the value of the contraband could easily be raised by 500 per cent abroad.

Also the other day, soldiers found 26 sacks of marijuana at a suspected "drop-off" point in a Rizal. Reports said a watchman left hastily abroad a motorcycle upon seeing the lawmen. The unidentified man is now being hunted by constabulary soldiers.

Sotto did not reveal other details of the police operation and the exact place where the marijuana leaves will be burned, but hinted it might be done inside Camp Crame.

The campaign against prohibited drugs intensifies following the expose of Sen. Ernesto Herrera on the alleged involvement of military officials, including Criminal Investigation Service chief, Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumalo, with alleged drug lords.

In Zamboanga City, the regional anti-narcotics task force said it has in its watch list a total of 41 drug dealers, including alleged big-time drug lord Tomas Velasco.

Col. Manuel Pepino, Recom 9 deputy police commander and head of the anti-narcotics task force, revealed that Velasco, 71, is a naturalized Filipino who is pure Chinese from Basilan province, where he owns a big coconut plantation at Barangay Pangassan.

Pepino also revealed that Velasco is financing a marijuana-agar agar venture by a local Chinese

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Pepino showed a check supposedly issued by Velasco for half a million pesos for a well known local businessman who is also a suspected gambling lord in the region.

Pepino said a number of drug pushers in their big Chinese businessmen who have connections in Manila.

Monsod expects high inflation

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE failure of the country's debt negotiators to infuse new money into the economy will result in a 13.6 per cent inflation rate and 9.6 per cent unemployment by the end of the year, according to former Economic Planning Secretary Solita Montoso.

Testifying before hearing of the Senate committee on banks, financial institutions and currencies and the subcommittee on finance, Monsod painted a bleak picture of the economy at the end of 1989.

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Eight soldiers sacked by AFP

Charged with human rights violation

THE Armed Forces has dismissed eight soldiers out of 1,295 charged with human rights violations before the Commission on Human Rights since 1986, a defense department report released early this week said.

This year, 170 cases of human rights violations allegedly committed from January to August this year, were filed against the AFP with the human rights commission, the same report said.

In a related development, people killed defending and promoting human rights will be honored today in a funeral march and procession organized by human rights groups in Cebu and Iloilo cities.

The Visayan Human Rights Conference (VHRC) said this year's commemoration "exposes the sordid state of human rights" under the Aquino administration.

"Our people mourn for the martyrs of this government's repressive — the repressiveness that surpasses even the ferocious attacks of the Marcos rule," the VHRC said.

In its report, the defense department also said the AFP, which was given by President Aquino until 1991 to crush the communist insurgency, has captured since January a total of 50 rebels holding sensitive positions from district to national level.

The defense department said that while the AFP enjoyed a banner year in the counterinsurgency, the military was on the defensive with a high number of abusive soldiers, many of whom go scotfree for lack of sufficient evidence and because of the indifference of their victims to pursue the cases.

The DND report did not specify the number of soldiers charged and their victims, but the incidents covered included the much-publicized massacre of nine fishpen workers by a platoon of Marines in Paombong, Bulacan.

On top of the list of captured dissidents were Satur Ocampo, secretary of the National United Front Commission; Carolina-Malay-Ocampo, NUFC deputy secretary, and Wilma Austria-Tiamzon, secretary of the National Peasant Commission.

The military said the three are members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Aquino, in her speech Monday at Camp Aguinaldo, singled out corruption and abuse of human rights as threats that may upset the military's string of victories.

It was Aquino's first admonition to the AFP to behave as it strives to beat the 1991 deadline she has set to defeat the CPP and the New People's Army.

The military has successfully "neutralized" six CPP/NPA leaders from the national leadership and four key officers in the "territorial functional commissions," the DND report said.

The military arrested 20 CPP/NPA officers on the regional level, 14 from the provincial front committee level, and five from the district level, the report released early this week, also showed.

A wave of arrests in Cebu and Davao last month practically crippled the dissident leadership in Visayas and Southern Mindanao. The military nabbed 25 CPP/NPA leaders last month, recording an all-time high in the 20-year history of the insurgency.

But the "string of victories" are marred by a high number of abusive soldiers and para-military men used by the AFP in battling the insurgents.

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Raising prices of oil products unnecessary

Such, generate at least P10b per year

DOMESTIC prices of petroleum products can be maintained at their present level if the national government renews the Oil Price Stabilization Fund or if it agreed to substantial reductions in taxes on fuel.

Taxes on fuel products generate at least P10 billion annually for the government.

But given the need to earn more and keep its deficit in the budget within manageable levels, it is unlikely that the government will agree to forego revenues due from the petroleum sector.

At present, an average of 4.7 per cent of wholesale posted price (WPP) of eight key fuel products goes to the government in the form of ad valorem tax, duty, wharfage and fees assessed by the Energy Regulatory Board.

WPP refers to the price of a fuel product excluding the handling charge and the dealer's mark-up.

These products include premium gas, regular gas, aviation fuel, kerosene, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, asphalt and thinners.

The ad valorem tax is assessed as a percentage of the value of fuel. Hence, as consumption increases, so does the ad valorem tax.

On the other hand, customs duty is charged for every imported commodity at the point of entry at rates set by law.

The ERB fee, also known as port duty which is based on the cost of the oil, is equivalent to one tenth of one per cent of the cost, wharfage and freight value.

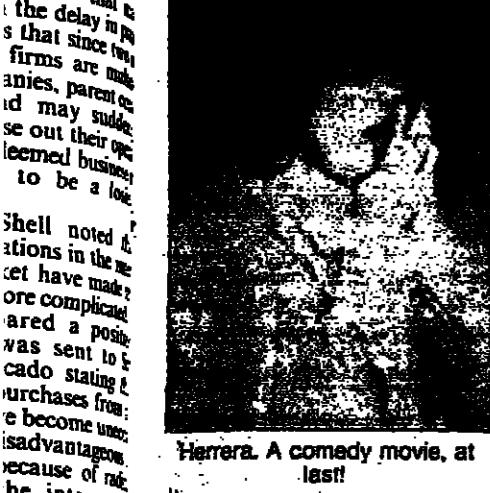
Wharfage is a fee charged by the Philippine Ports Authority for the use of port facilities by oil companies.

Industry estimates show that in the per litre cost of premium gasoline, about 66.72 percent or P3.659 of its WPP of P5.484 per litre price goes to the national treasury.

Thus, it can be seen that the projected price increase of more than P1 per litre can be easily absorbed by merely reducing the

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FILIPINO DIGEST

Monica Herrera a Vic Sotto fan

WHEN Monica Herrera was offered the role of Vic Sotto's lady-love in Regal Films' spoof comedy *Gawa na ang Bala Para sa Akin*, her initial reaction was to exclaim, "At last, at last!"

It's because since she started making a name as an actress, Monica has been playing leading lady mostly to action stars, such as Bong Revilla (in *Don-nego Massacre*), Lito Lapid (in *Madeo and Melgar*) and Ronnie Peo (in *Ako ang Hubusga*).

But, of course, the Ch. 2 Thursday night sitcom, *Goin'*

Bananas, also helps a great deal in bringing Monica closer to the public. "That also has helped me a lot, too, in overcoming my shyness," says Monica. "At first, I was so conscious that I would hardly do comedy. Ngayon, sanay na sanay na ako."

That's why when she was offered the role in *Gawa na ang Bala Para sa Akin*, directed by Efren Jariego, Monica really jumped for joy. "I've been praying and waiting for a comedy role para naman naiiba, and *Gawa na ang Bala...* came as the answer to my prayers."

She's grateful, too, for the chance to be Vic Sotto's leading lady. "I've always been a fan of his," admits Monica. "Even when I wasn't in showbiz yet, I always watched *East, Bulaga*, especially because of Vic. Simple siyang mag-comedy. Para ngang hindi nagko-comedy pag nagsapawa-saya siya."

One scene in *Gawa na ang Bala* shows Monica lifting Vic into the air while they are frolicking on the beach, instead of the other way around. "Ang bigat niya, pero nakaya ko siyang buhutan. It took me three takes to perfect that scene," she laughs.

Jinky Llamazares: gives best to debut

JINKY LLAMAZARES is not just another aspiring performer who can sing. More than that, Jinky knows what stardom requires and the attributes needed to attain it. Unlike other entertainers who sail forth into the local music industry with mere guts and a little prayer going for them, Jinky painstakingly developed her singing talent before taking the "big plunge."

The sixth child in a brood of eight, Jinky, surprisingly, is the only singer in the family. Her singing career started when she won the grand prize in the Yamaha-sponsored Musicmate Girl in 1986. She then joined the Music Making Company where she got a taste of showbiz life as one of the group's frontliners.

But in no time at all, Jinky soon found herself going solo, with the help of her manager, Angie Magoano. She started to improve her craft and got offers to perform in various night spots and music lounges. She staged her first solo concert, *Promises*, at the Limelight Theatre, with Leo Valdez and Bimbo Cerudo as guests.

Jinky was the featured local artist in David Benoit's Manila concerts last April at the PICC. She also had a chance to pit talents with foreign performers in the recently held Philippine Festival in Osaka and Fukuoka, Japan.

To date, 19-year-old Jinky is a regular performer at Birdland (along Timog ave. in Quezon City) and at the Limelight Theatre (in Remedios Circle, Malate).

In her barely two years in the entertainment industry, Jinky has just marked a milestone in her career with the release of her self-titled debut album under Ivory Records. It took her several months to finish the LP because "I wanted to give my best to make my first album a very special one," the young performer proudly declared during the launching of her LP last Oct 19 at Birdland.

Jinky did a mini-concert for her relatives, friends



Jinky Llamazares: Regular performer at Birdland and Limelight Theatre

and the entertainment writers present during the album launching. She sang four songs from her LP: The romantic ballad *Muling Bigyan ng Pag-asa*, composed by Gines Tan; the dance tune, *Dance A Little Closer*, by Aaron Paul; an adaptation of *All the Things You Are*, arranged by Gerry Paraiso; and the upbeat ditty, *Tukuhuan*, the carrier single by Kedy Sanchez.

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Pearl diving takes a plunge

Divers in dire straits

BADAR MUKAM, Bangladesh, Nov 4. (Reuter): Bangladeshi pearl divers who for generations have wrested glittering gems from the unpredictable Bay of Bengal are falling victim to the whims of taste and trade.

"Those of us still trying to keep this 400-year-old business alive find making a living out of it more and more difficult," said Abdul Khaleq, a diver for 30 years.

"Pearling is my life, my dream and my passion. But my sons have taken to other professions hoping for a better future," he said in an interview.

A hundred of his neighbours in this storm-damaged village near Bangladesh's border with Burma spend two or three days a week diving, or combing seaweed and the sands for oysters and other shellfish in which the pearls form.

Three hundred families on Maheshkhali and Sonadia Islands near Cox's Bazar, 60 km (100 miles) up the coast, also depend on their livelihood from pearl diving.

Pearls from the Bay of Bengal coast, especially the rare pink pearls, were once highly valued in the courts of the Mughal emperors and lesser rulers of the Indian subcontinent.

Gem traders would visit the coastal villages around St Martin's island, Bangladesh's only coral island, 20 km (15 miles) from here, to buy pearls for the markets of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Dhaka.

Now fewer traders come each year, offering less money with each visit.

The divers say they sell one ounce of white pearls for 1,300 taka (\$40), half the price they were getting in the early 1970s. The average monthly catch of a diving family is three ounces.

"People are losing interest in plucking pearls because of poor buyer interest and lack of government efforts to promote the trade," Cox's Bazar district commissioner M.A. Kamal said.

The prices double at gem markets in Cox's Bazar.

Bazar, a coastal resort town 100 km (60 miles) south of the country's major port, Chittagong, and are even higher in the capital, Dhaka, market sources said.

Pink pearls are costlier but are seldom seen on the open market.

Kamal said interest in buying pearls had waned as wealthy families preferred to keep their assets in more readily negotiable gold.

Dwindling interest and lack of stock has kept the pearl trade stagnant. Bangladesh's overall pearl trade in the 1988-89 fiscal year, ended last June, was worth 100 million taka (\$3 million), the same as the year before.

Officials and traders said Bangladesh could earn at least four times that amount by exporting pearls if cultivation was instituted and over-harvesting of shellfish prevented.

"We could invite technical know-how from Sri Lanka and Japan for pearl projects and ask the West for financing," one official said.

He said hundreds of tonnes of shells were taken prematurely and used for making lampshades and other handicrafts, rather than used for pearl culture.

Officials said the country's distinctive pink pearls could be cultivated near the eight-square-mile (20 sq-km) St Martin's Island.

Pink pearls grow in crystal clear water, and the huge mother shells available around St Martin's could yield pearls weighing up to 300 grammes (10 ounces) each, an official said.

But environmental decay, strong currents and storms are threatening the island, home to 3,500 fishermen.

Environmentalists say islanders digging for tortoise eggs, a local delicacy, have done irreparable damage to the island's delicate reefs.

But despite growing frustration and shrinking profits, some people say they will never give up or change to another profession.

As pearl diver Abdul Rahman said: "There are times when we search hundreds of shells but find not a single pearl. But when I find one, a dream comes true."



Matching: the name of the game

Left: model for Geoffrey Beene wears a matched jacket and gloves during the spring/



summer show in New York on Nov 3. Right: model wears a dot coat with matching high-waisted skirt and bikini top. (Reuter wirephoto).

Reclusive Bacon, Britain's finest painter, lives life with a zest

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuter): Francis Bacon, hailed as Britain's greatest artist since Turner, wanted his 80th birthday to slip by unnoticed.

"We expected him but he didn't turn up," Valerie Beston of his trusted Marlborough gallery said after a private party to view an exhibition of 15 paintings to celebrate the occasion.

There is a bigger show of 60 pictures at the Hirshhorn museum in Washington but she

did not expect him to go to that either. "He says he's just not up to it."

Valuing his privacy Bacon shuns the trappings of wealth which the multi-million-dollar price tags on his pictures bring him and lives in two rundown rooms in central London.

Often portrayed as reclusive, Bacon lives with great zest, enjoys gambling and moves easily between drinking dens in London's Soho and mansions of rich collectors.

His disquieting style has given the art world some of its most disturbing paintings which critics say have roots in Michelangelo, Ingres and Picasso.

But friends say the bleak vision of life he is now known for belies a great charm and simplicity.

Bacon has turned down a knighthood.

"The British acknowledge his eminence but do not know quite what to make of him an elegant, wealthy, rather conservative gen-

tleman who paints such scary pictures," Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's auction house and friend of Bacon said.

"He is an old-fashioned aristocratic liberal with a low threshold of boredom," said Gowrie, adding: "He is the greatest living painter and the most important Britain has produced since Turner."

Descended from the 16th-century philosopher whose name he bears, Bacon lives alone in his untidy rooms in a ramshackle mews

house in London where he paints.

Having experimented with spacious houses and gleaming studios, he always returned to his cramped garret in Kensington.

"He is not the only painter to require physical chaos as essential to the ordering of experience," says one critic.

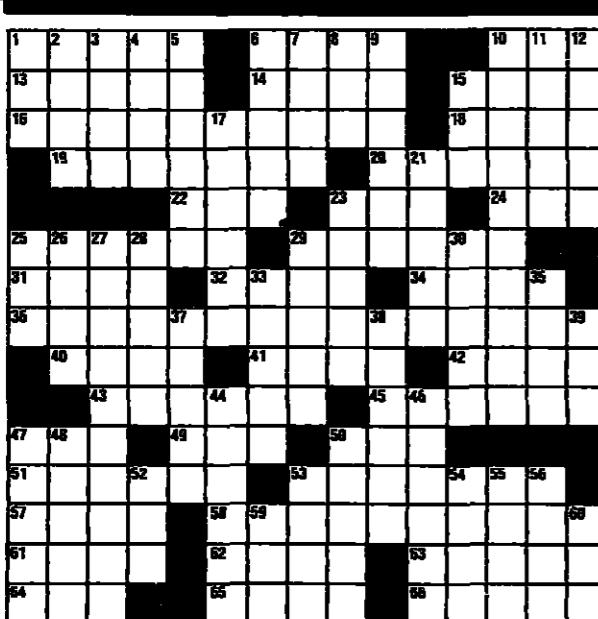
Born in Dublin on Oct 28, 1909, Bacon was the son of a pugnacious British army officer who had retired to train racehorses. He traces

his passion for gambling back to this time and said chance plays a big part in a painter's outcome.

With delicate health and suffering from asthma, he left home at the age of 16 and spent several years in Paris and Berlin.

After working briefly as a furniture designer, he was determined to become a greater painter after seeing a Picasso exhibition but never had formal art training.

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♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ 2
♦ A Q J 9

WEST
♦ 10 7 6 4
♦ A J 5
♥ 2
♦ Q 9 7 3

♦ A K J 9 8 3
♦ 10 6 4
♦ K 2
♦ 8 7 6

SOUTH
♦ K Q 9 3
♥ A K
♦ Q 7 5
♦ 10 5 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♥ 3 ♦ 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

West, who had been content to defend no trump because of his long suit, intervened with a diamond overcall, but nothing could deter North from going on to game in hearts.

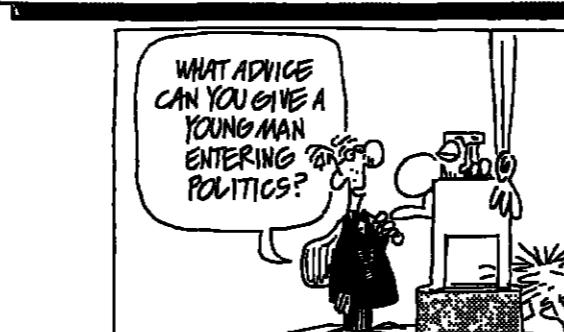
West led his king of diamonds, and it needed no more than a cursory inspection of dummy to realize that, unless his partner had at least two tricks, there was no way to defeat the contract. At trick two, therefore, West shifted to the two of clubs!

Consider the possibilities from declarer's vantage point. Since he does not yet know of the bad heart break, he foresees only three losers—one spade, one diamond and one club. It seems that the greatest threat to the contract is West has a singleton club. If that is so, taking the club finesse would needlessly cost the contract should East win and return a club for West to ruff.

The logical play is for declarer to rise with dummy's ace of clubs and attempt to draw trumps, using a diamond ruff as the entry to the table. But when West shows out on the second trump, the contract is doomed. Sadly, declarer later learns that a club finesse would have landed the game—a play he would have to have made had he known beforehand that he had a sure trump loser.

North-South were employing a no-trump range of 13-15. North's two-diamond response was a transfer to hearts. When South obliged,

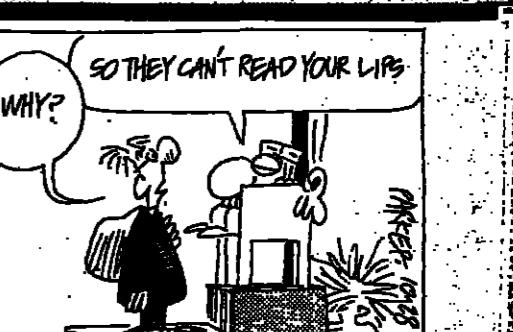
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

At first you will not feel much like doing anything, but later things will become easier for you. You should take your mind off work and try to relax. Eat and drink in moderation. Be generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Others will be more sympathetic towards you but you must not take advantage of them. Make yourself useful about the house. Avoid thinking about work and concentrate on dealing with a personal matter. Be tactful.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

If you try to do too many things all at once you will end up by doing none of them well. You should think less of work more of home today. Try and have a good laugh at yourself. Be sensible.



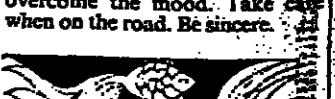
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will be better able to grasp some general principles and this will help you to reach a better understanding of the subject. Question. Try not to be vague. Do not rely too much on others. Be moderate.



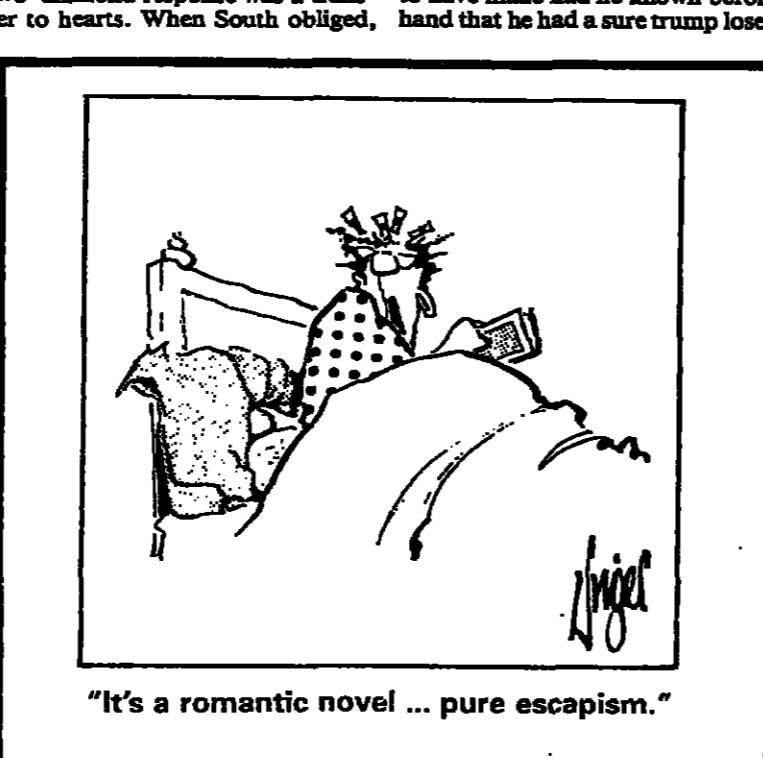
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you a little gloomy. However if you are full of cheerful things you will be able to overcome the mood. Take care when on the road. Be sincere.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Venus' better influence will allow you to deal with a personal problem. Trying a new approach to an old problem could well lead you to the right answer. Be hopeful.



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Jahangir wins

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuter): Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, who lost his world squash title and his number one ranking to compatriot Jansher Khan last month, beat his arch rival to win an invitation tournament in London yesterday. Jahangir won 9-13 15-11 15-6 3-15 15-7 in a match which ended on a sour note when Jansher did not contest the last three points after a 'no let' decision went against him.

Golf tourney

TOKYO, Nov 4. (Reuter): The United States and Europe hope to achieve a clear decision in tomorrow's final of the million-dollar Four Tours World Championship of Golf. The US squad thrashed Japan 10-2 and Europe defeated Australia/New Zealand 7-5 in the closing round-robin matches today.

Title fights

LAS VEGAS, Nov 4. (Reuter): Unbeaten World Boxing Council super-lightweight champion Julio Chavez of Mexico and World Boxing Association super-middleweight champion Julian Jackson of the US Virgin Islands will defend their titles in Las Vegas on November 18, promoters announced today. Chavez will face Sammy Fuentes of Puerto Rico and Jackson will meet Troy Wortham of the United States in 12-round bouts.

Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 4. (Reuter): Results of the 12-nation Women's Intercontinental Cup hockey tournament today: Group A: France drew with Italy 0-0; Group B: Japan beat Malaysia 5-0 (half-time 1-0).

Japan Classic

TOKYO, Nov 4. (Reuter): American Elaine Crosby, 13th overnight, carded eight birdies including five in succession to leap to the top of the Japan Classic leader board today with a course record-equaling eight-under-par 64.

Racing star

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 4. (AP): Former British motor racing star Stirling Moss today backed the world champion McLaren-Honda team in its battle with the governing body of Formula One racing. Moss, a winner of 16 Grands Prix during a career that stretched from 1951-61, said 1988 world champion Ayrton Senna of Brazil had "hard done by" on Tuesday when the International Automobile Federation (FIA) dismissed his appeal against disqualification from the controversial Japanese Grand Prix.

Heavyweight fight

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuter): Mike Tyson will defend his world heavyweight title in London. American promoter Don King pledged today. No dates were mentioned, but high on the list of possible contenders are former challenger Frank Bruno, national heavyweight champion Gary Mason and the promising British-based Canadian Lennox Lewis.

W. German soccer

BONN, Nov 4. (Reuter): West German First Division soccer results today:

Bayern M 1 Wener 1
Kaiserslautern 2 Borussia D 2
Bayer U 3 Nuremberg 3
VFB Stuttgart 4 Bremen 0
Eintracht F 1 Karlsruhe 1
Hannover 0 Cologne 2

Players on Friday:
Bochum 1 FC Hamburg 0
Bayer L 1 St Pauli 1
Fortuna D 0 Waldhof 0

KPBL meeting

A FINAL meeting of all participating teams in the Dec 1, 1989, First KPBL Conference will be held at the Mabuhay Restaurant, on Thursday, November 9, 1989, at 7.30 pm.

Topics to be discussed are:

(1) Induction of officers, (2) Opening ceremonies, (3) One-day championship on the opening day, (4) Membership drive, (5) Fund raising drive for the Christmas season.

Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 4. (Reuter): Diego Maradona will return to captain Italian League leaders Napoli tomorrow after his surprise ban from a mid-week UEFA Cup due to missing training, a senior club official said today. The announcement by director Aldo Trifoglio appeared to confirm the end to a row between Napoli and their Argentine star over Wednesday's ban, imposed when Maradona turned up to play against Swiss Wettigen one hour before the kick-off.

Reds manager

CINCINNATI, Nov 4. (AP): The Cincinnati Reds have asked Lou Piniella to pick up the pieces. Piniella was given a one-year contract yesterday to manage the Reds after spending the last 16 years with the New York Yankees as player, coach, manager, general manager and just about everything else.

New boss

CLEVELAND, Nov 4. (AP): The Cleveland Indians yesterday named John McNamara manager for the 1990 season. McNamara succeeds Doc Edwards, who was fired Sept 12.

Barrett quits

LONDON, Nov 4. (UPI): Boxing promoter Mike Barrett has announced his retirement after more than 25 years. British Boxing Board of Control rules are soon to prevent managers holding promoters' licences and Barrett has decided to retain his 16-strong stable of fighters and continue as a matchmaker.

Dubai Classic

DUBAI, Nov 4. (Reuter): Britain's 20-year-old Stephen Hendry overwhelmed his compatriot Doug Mountjoy to win the inaugural \$200,000 Dubai Snooker Classic.

Rugby Test

STRASBOURG, France, Nov 4. (Reuter): Australia produced one of their finest performances for years to pull off a memorable 32-15 win over France in the first of two Test matches on their rugby union tour today.

Friendly rugby

CARDIFF, Nov 4. (Reuter): New Zealand beat Wales 34-9 (halftime 12-6) in a friendly rugby union international today.

Chelsea blast Millwall

Coventry stun Pool

LONDON, Nov 4. (Reuter): Cyril Regis achieved what no Coventry player before him had managed when he scored a winning goal against Liverpool at Anfield today.

Liverpool, who had lost only once before this season, had never been beaten at home by Coventry in 22 previous visits and the shock defeat allowed Chelsea, 4-0 winners against Millwall, to overtake them at the top of the English First Division.

But, with third-placed Everton meeting Aston Villa tomorrow, Chelsea's unexpected reign on their first season back in the top division could be brief.

In Scotland, champions Rangers stunned Glasgow rivals Celtic with the manner of their 1-0 defeat, the goal coming in the 88th minute from ex-Celtic striker John Johnston.

The Scottish international, the first Catholic to play for the fiercely Protestant Rangers, was signed from Nantes in July as Celtic dithered over whether to buy him back themselves.

English champions Arsenal just managed to keep their unbeaten home record this season when a late goal by Lee Dixon, his second of the match, broke a deadlock against Norwich and gave the London side a 4-3 victory.

But former England international Regis, 31, had other

ideas. Liverpool's defence let him free to pick up a high cross from Greg Downs and head it low into the corner of the net two minutes after the interval.

At the other end, Coventry goalkeeper Steve Orzivovic saved two shots from England's Peter Beardsley and when he failed to get to a David Burrows cross, Kevin Drinkell was on hand to clear the ball in time.

Chelsea striker Kerry Dixon had promised to silence believers who say his side have no serious chance of winning the title and he kept his word by sharing the goals with Kevin Wil-

Results

English Division One

Arsenal	2	Manchester U	3
Chelsea	4	Millwall	0
Liverpool	1	Coventry	0
Luton	1	Derby	0
Manch. C	3	Crystal P	0
Notts Forest	0	Sheffield Wed	1
Southampton	1	Tottenham	0
Watford	0	QPR	0

Playing Friday

English Division Two

Barasley	0	Portsmouth	1
Brighton	1	Blackburn	2
Hull	0	Watford	0
Ipswich	3	West Brom.	1
Leeds	3	Bolton	0
Notts	2	Bridgford	2
Oldham	2	Sunderland	1
Sheffield U	1	Bradford	1
Swindon	6	Oxford	2
Wolves	1	Leicester	1

Playing Sunday

English Division Three

Bolton	0	Swansea	0
Brentford	1	Blackpool	1
Chester	2	Huddersfield	1
Millwall	1	Notts County	2
Northampton	2	Rotherham	1
Reading	0	Shrewsbury	1
Walsall	0	Birmingham	1
Wigan	1	Bristol C	2

Playing Friday

English Division Four

Bury	1	Wrexham	1
Colchester	0	Aldershot	0
Carlisle	3	Maidstone	2
Doncaster	1	Scunthorpe	2
Exeter	3	Lincoln	0
Gillingham	2	Scarborough	1
Hartlepool	3	Wrexham	0
Hertford	0	Rochdale	3
Southend	1	Peterborough	1
York	1	Torquay	0

Playing Sunday

Scottish Premier Division

Dundee	1	QPR	1
Dundee U	1	Queens Park	0
Hibernian	1	Hearts	1
Rangers	3	Celtic	0
St Mirren	2	Morecambe	2

Playing Friday

Scottish Division One

Alloa	1	Alloa	1
Clyde	2	Clydebank	0
Falkirk	3	Airdrie	3
Forfar	1	Meadowbank	3
Hamilton	3	St Johnstone	1
Morton	1	Ayr	1
Raith	1	Partick	1

Playing Sunday

Scottish Division Two

Brechin	0	Queens Park	0
Dundee	3	Morecambe	2
East Fife	3	Arbroath	1
Kilmarnock	2	Queen of South	0
Stenhousemuir	3	Cowdenbeath	1
String	4	East Stirling	0
Stranraer	1	Berwick	0

Playing Friday

Soviets beat Dutch to extend lead

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 4. (Reuter): The women's division crown was contested by the eight finalists plus the defending champion Eva Sabay and after the three game finals Cora Paras emerged as the champion with a score of 554 (193, 167, 194). The first runner up was Cecilia Valisimo with 530 (166, 174, 190), followed by Lynne Reyes with 503, Amy Abdou 497, Mercy Labora 484 and fifth runner up was Arce Ruiz with 480. Arce also took home both the High Series and High Games awards.

Playing Sunday

The Netherlands, despite playing

their top four players, could not contain the title holders. The Soviets won on every board except the second, where they were better, but could only draw.

After the final

World candidate finalist Jan Tim-

mans did not meet his rival candidate finalist and ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, who rested yesterday, as indication of the relaxed and confident mood of the champions, who now have a massive five-point lead.
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Present during the affair were the Ambassador of the Philippines to Kuwait Dr Mauyag Mohammed Tamano and his wife, Consul General Olivia Palala, the sponsors namely Adnan Khalil of Far East, Abdul Hamid Shahien of Gold Medals Co., Saleh Aboghos of Hatid Ligaya and other distinguished guests.

Bert Papas of the Phil. embassy introduced Ambas-

sor Palala who delivered a very inspiring speech.

The ambassador and Consul General Palala gave out the awards assisted by PBAK president Rico Pino and the respective directors of each tournament.
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PBAK senior VP delivered the closing remarks.

Coming up next: The PBAK Winter League at the Holiday Inn.

Border slams century for Queensland

Tasmania their chance of a first

115 not out by the close and found a useful late order partner in newcomer Steve Storey.
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In Perth, Western Australia

thwarted Tasmania's historic

victory bid.

The hosts finished on 265 for

seven to force a draw and deny

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Little League Cubs and Giants triumph

BEAUTIFUL weather, beautiful baseball. The Kuwait Little League teams had both in today's games. The Tee-ball game—Twins and Cubs really had a great day. Shota Miyazaki was the pitcher for the Twins. Big hit for the Twins was Ahmad Al Saad with a home run in the fourth inning, earning 2 runs. Razi Al Awamli had a double as did Hisham Al Saad.

Now the Cubs really looked good. Ahmad Gud had a home run in the third earning 2 RBI's. Ahmad Lahlil had a triple and earned 3 RBI's. The big hitters were Ahmed Al Saad with a triple, John Zakir with a double and a triple, and 1 RBI. Bader Al Kandil had two doubles. Jamal Al Saad had a double and a hit in two runs and Kris Colbourne had a double and earned two RBI's for the day. The Cubs took the game 16-6.

The Cardinals and Giants gave their fans a very exciting game. Cardinal hitters were Hisham Navarro with a double and single earning 2 RBI's. Paul Colbourne had a triple and brought in 1 run. Tala Navarro had a beautiful double, unfortunately no one was on base.

The Giants were hot. Masato Watanabe had a triple and earned 2 RBI's. Keita Miyazaki had a double and brought in 3 runs. Excellent base running helped the Giants take the game 14-2 to the Cardinals 7.

The Mariners and Blue Jays had a terrific game. Andrew Colwell hit a home run in the first inning with the bases loaded. He started the Blue Jays off to a great start. Andrew also had a triple in the third inning bringing in 3 more runs.

The Mariners ended up the winners by great base stealing and hitting by Mimali with a single and 1 RBI. Kazu with two singles and 1 RBI, and Basher with a single and 1 RBI. The Mariners took the game 11-7.

The Tigers looked good for today's game. Rashed Kawami earned 2 RBI's on a single. Ramzi Hammam hit a triple and earned 2 RBI's. Ahmed Al Wayyan had a triple, Ahmed Galal a single and double earning 3 RBI's for the team.

The Braves were ready to bat the Tigers. Bushra Khan earned 2 RBI's for her single. Ahmed Afani earned 4 RBI's for his three singles. Faisal Al Naibari earned 2 RBI's for his single and Ibrahim Dagher had a triple and a single earning 2 RBI's. Majeed Al Mulla had a triple bringing in 1 run and Skylor Moso earned 2 RBI's for his double. Raja Abul Jubain earned 2 RBI's for a single along with Hussain Al Fulay. Omar Al Omar had a triple and Adel Ebraheem had a double. The Braves proved to be the winners, beating the Tigers 25-13.

Results
T-Ball
Cubs 16 Twins 6
Royals 15 Athletics 9
Braves 25 Tigers 13
Mariners 11 Blue Jays 7
Astros 10 Mets 2
Rangers 14 Dodgers 2
Giants 14 Cardinals 7
Pirates 10 Orioles 5
Seniors 11 White Sox 4



Jessimol Ann (extreme right) in action in the 400 metres.



Junior B Group with school director J.A.S. Newton (right).



Winners of Junior A Group.



SANTHOSH House and Shanti House won the boys and girls championship at the Indian School (Mangaf) Inter House Athletics Meet held on Thursday at the Saheb Stadium.

Students of both the houses entertained the large crowd, composed mostly of the students' parents, to some good displays in all the events.

Girls from the Santosh House took another honour on that day by being adjudged best in the march past along with boys from Seva House.

The meet was declared open at 9 am by the chief guest M. Mathew, the honorary chairman of Board of Trustees of the Indian School.

This was followed by a mass drill display for which the students were drawn mainly from lower classes. In a spectacular display the young chil-

dren of AN and FN shifts kept the spectators enthralled with their disciplined and rhythmic movements. The girls of the FN shift delighted the crowd with their Aerobics 89, in which they

danced and swung to music.

But the event that stole the show was the gymnastic display by the young boys. The spectators were holding their breath, when the young gymnasts dived

through a hoop of fire. The other events included the track events, throws and jumps for various age groups.

The meet came to a close with the distribution of prizes to the winners.

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Carolin Cordeiro		VII A	FN	Jooby Mathew	Junior A	VC	AN
Sheeba Varghese	Inter B	VI B	FN	Abdul Karim	Junior B	II A	AN
Shilpa Urva	Junior A	VII A	FN	Mohammed Sheo Yusuf	Sub-junior A	I A	AN
Jean Periera	Junior B	III D	FN	Bhezin Bazin Bashir	Sub-junior B	Prep A	AN

Results

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan, Nov 4. (AP) Isiah Thomas scored seven points and made a key defensive play down the stretch as the Detroit Pistons began the defense of their NBA championship with a 106-103 victory last night over the New York Knicks.

The Knicks, who trailed since the 5:02 mark of the first quarter in Stu Jackson's debut as coach, tied the game at 100 with 1:40 remaining after Johnny Newman stole the ball from Thomas, was fouled and sank two free throws.

Bill Laimbeer, who scored all 10 of his points in the final period, hit a jumper from the top of the key with 1:18 left.

On New York's next trip up the floor, Thomas stole the ball from Patrick Ewing and worked it to John Salley. He was fouled and sank two free throws with 45 seconds left for a 104-100 Detroit lead.

The Pistons went 63-19 during the regular schedule last season and 15-2 in the playoffs, sweeping the Los Angeles Lakers for the title. The Knicks, who won the Atlantic Division last season, swept all four regular-season games with the Pistons last season, making New York the only team Detroit didn't beat.

Standings

Detroit	107	New York	103
Indiana	126	Seattle	103
Boston	127	Milwaukee	114
Washington	116	Charlotte	96
New Jersey	110	Miami	90
Chicago	124	Cleveland	119
LA Lakers	102	Dallas	94
Utah	122	Denver	113
Portland	122	Sacramento	96
LA Clippers	102	Phoenix	88
Phoenix	126	Golden State	104
Seattle	106	Minnesota	94

Policarpio upset

THE first, second and third games of the final round of the First Active Chess Tournament, organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck), resulted in a series of defaults and unexpected wins on Friday at the new site of Kabayan Restaurant.

Leading the pack with five points is newcomer Damilo Calasin who defeated current Palong Pilipino Individual Chess champion Nanding Policarpio within 29 moves of a Giouco Piano. Playing the white pieces, Policarpio overlooked a mating threat and blundered on his 28th move before finally accepting his inevitable defeat. He was, however, able to forge a win against the uneasy Rading Moje with the black pieces in his second game.

Moje, who suffered his first loss since the preliminary rounds in 40 moves of a king's Indian defence, deviated from the usual line of play in his 8th move to attack his opponent's queen side but erred in his 23rd move when he allowed his rook to be swapped for a knight. Policarpio then took advantage of the situation to force his way to the king's side and further won another piece to seal his victory.

Another neophyte, Wahab Almada, prevailed over Edwin Borigas 60 moves of a Slav defence with the black pieces. It could have been easier for him to win had he applied the "Push-away" method for his two passed pawns after the exchange of queens in the end game. Borigas tried to counterattack by advancing his king to the centre but his efforts proved futile due to the well positioned rook of Almada. With a rook and pawns each remaining he was forced to resign because of the unavoidable queening of the black pawns.

Ali Macaya and Adrian Perez defaulted their games and are considered withdrawn as per tournament rules.

Standings after three rounds:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
A. Macaya	Bye	0	0
W. Almada	Bye	1.0	1.0
T. Lagmay	Bye	0.5	1.0
W. Soriano	0	Bye	0
T. Montreal	1.0	Bye	1.0
S. Aurelano	1.0	Bye	0
R. Moje	1.0	0	Bye
R. Mostrales	0	1.0	Bye
N. Magtan bog	0	0	Bye
N. Policarpio	0	1.0	1.0
E. Borigas	1.0	0	0
M. Magana	1.0	1.0	0
N. Dumla	1.0	1.0	0
D. Calasin	1.0	1.0	1.0
A. Perez	0	0	0
J. Betigen	0	0.5	1.0

Senna takes pole position



Senna guides his car through the chicane part of the Adelaide track. (Reuter wirephoto)

Prost has been marked this season by discord and controversy. The ultimate frustration for Senna was being disqualified after taking first place in last month's Japan Grand Prix. A win would have kept his title hopes alive here.

The increasingly competitive Pierluigi Martini clocked 1:17.623 in his Minardi to move into third place with the eventual winner in Japan, Alessandro Nannini, in fourth place in his Benetton after a second round best of 1:18.313.

The session ended a few minutes early after American Eddie Cheever bounced his Arrows off a wall and left it straddling the track in a pool of oil. He was unhurt.

The two Williams cars of Thierry Boutsen (1:17.791) and



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Jean Periera	Junior B	III D	FN	Bhezin Bazin Bashir	Sub-junior B	Prep A	AN

Results

Standings

Name	Group	Class	Shift	P.V. Georgy	Senior	IX	AN

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SPORTS

Egyptians outplay Tunisians

EGYPT yesterday qualified for the semifinals of the volleyball competition after beating Tunisia in straight sets, 15-13, 15-8 and 15-12.

Egypt finished their three matches with 4 points, while Tunisia, who also completed their matches, have got only two points after beating Benin.

Pakistan, who on Friday beat Egypt 3-1, after the best and most powerful match of the competition, are still top of Group B, with one match against weak Benin in hand. They are certain of leading this group after today's match against Benin.

A capacity crowd at Qadsia hall watched the Egypt-Tunisia match, which was decisive for both teams. The match was attended by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and other senior sports officials. Tunisia will play now against North Yemen for the consolation position from 5th to 8th. But it is likely to win fifth position as it is the strongest team of the four teams who went out of the competition.

From Group A, which includes Kuwait, Comoros, Saudi Arabia and North Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait moved into semifinals, with Kuwait top of the group.

After these results, Kuwait will meet Egypt and Pakistan will play Saudi Arabia for the finals. The first semifinal to be played tomorrow also at Qadsia will be the most difficult. Egypt and Kuwait are equally strong teams.

Kuwait is fifth in Asia, while Egypt won the African championship several times. So far, Kuwait has not conceded a single set in their previous two matches, while Egypt lost to Pakistan 1-3 after winning the first set and fighting hard in the following three sets, which Pakistan won.

The second semifinal to be played also tomorrow, will see the mighty Pakistan against Saudi Arabia. Although Saudi Arabian team won second place in Group A after Kuwait and has got a number of good players, but it is expected that it will not match the technique of Pakistan who recently won fourth place in the Asian championship.

Saudi Arabia lost in straight sets to Kuwait while Pakistan has conceded only one set to Egypt.

In today's remaining volleyball matches, Kuwait, leaders of Group A, meet North Yemen, who have lost hope of making it to the last four, while Pakistan take on Benin, who also lost their previous two matches by big margins against Egypt and Tunisia.

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HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah (left) and Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah with heads of visiting delegations.

Iran set to meet Iraq

Guinea aim to beat S. Yemen

IRAN and Iraq will meet on the soccer field today for the first time since the Gulf war started more than nine years ago.

They are among 44 Islamic countries taking part in the Peace and Friendship Games in Kuwait.

"We weren't supposed to come originally because of the policy of the sports organisation, but there was a change recently," Iranian captain Mohammad Panjali said.

He said Iran's new vice-president for sports, Hassan Ghafourifar, appointed new coaches to Iranian teams six weeks ago and adopted an open-door policy to allow more competition abroad.

Members of both the Iraqi and Iranian teams said the last soccer match between the two countries was a 1977 youth game in Tehran. Iraq won 4-3, and the trophy was presented to the Iraqi team by the son of the late Shah.

Commentators said Iran and Iraq competed in the Gulf Cup in Qatar last year but did not play each other. A UN-sponsored ceasefire ended fighting in the Gulf war in August 1988.

Panjali said that because of the short notice the Iranians had only two weeks to train together before coming to Kuwait and six of the best players had prior commitments.

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Seven of the 44 countries taking part in the championship are competing in the soccer tournament.

Soccer experts have tipped Iran, Iraq or Kuwait as the most likely winners, but the Guinea team has provided tough opposition, beating Iraq 1-0 and drawing with Iran 1-1.

In other matches, Iraq has defeated South Yemen 6-2 and Iran has beaten South Yemen 2-0.

Iraqi team coach, Anwar Jasam admitted yesterday that his soccer team has several weaknesses, particularly in the defence. But he said that he will work to amend these mistakes in preparation for this evening's decisive match. He said that he has seen Iran playing and knows

the strong and weak points of the Iranian team. But he declined from disclosing them. About his expectation for the match, Jasam said that he is "very sure of achieving an easy victory against Iran". He stressed that the Iranian team is not difficult or impossible to beat.

Guinea's Yugoslav coach said that although it's difficult to predict the winner in Iraq-Iran match the Iraqi team is certainly better as a group. On his team's match against South Yemen, he said that Guinea will win the match adding that "we have come to win the championship."

In the five soccer matches played so far, 20 goals have been scored. In Iraq-South Yemen match played Friday, 8 goals were scored followed by Kuwait

scoring five goals against Lebanon.

Five players have scored two goals each so far. They are from Kuwait, Iran, Iraq two players and South Yemen. The fastest goal scored so far was by Majid

Al-Jasas of Iran in the 8th minute of first half against South Yemen. The only penalty of the competition was awarded by Kuwaiti referee Issa Al-Jasas to Iran against Guinea.

The biggest crowd so far was in the match between Guinea and Iran followed by Iran and South Yemen. But, today's match between Iraq and Iran is expected to break all records.

● In the last Group A match played late last night, Uganda held the strong Kuwait side to a 1-1. Kuwait led 1-0 after the first half through a goal by Yousuf Sowayed off a penalty.

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